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OF THE

Coultharts of Coulthart and Collyn,

CHIEFS OF THE NAME,

FROM THEIR FIRST SETTLEMENT IN SCOTLAND, IN THE REIGN OF CONARUS,  
TO THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1854;

TO WHICH ARE ADDED, THE PEDIGREES OF SEVEN OTHER CONSIDERABLE FAMILIES,  
THAT, THROUGH HEIRESSSES, BECAME INCORPORATED WITH  
THE HOUSE OF COULTHART.

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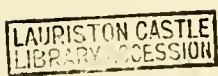
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OF


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## P R E F A C E.

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IN submitting the following Memorials of the Coulthart family to the indulgent reader, the Author is desirous of guarding against assuming to himself more than his own humble share of the merit of the compilation. All the most difficult and laborious part of the work (such as the transcribing and translating of the old deeds, wills, charters, pedigrees, marriage settlements, genealogical notices, &c.) had been accomplished by the late Alexander Cheyne, Esq., of Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrister-at-law, prior to his death, on the 26th August, 1853; and, judging of that gentleman's learning and research by the memoranda which he left behind him, it is deeply to be regretted that he did not live to bring the undertaking to a conclusion. Divine Providence, however, ordered it otherwise, and hence it was that the arranging, compiling, and illustrating of these Pedigrees became entrusted to the Author, which he has at last completed, and in the following form now respectfully submits to the COULTHARTS of *Coulthart and Collyn*.

MANCHESTER, AUGUST 1854.



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# COULTHART OF COULTHART AND COLLYN.

FEW families can justly claim so ancient and honourable a descent as the COULTHARTS of *Coulthart and Collyn*, and fewer still can establish their lineage by such unerring documentary evidence. Deriving an uninterrupted male succession from the era of JULIUS AGRICOLA, the genealogy is clearly traceable by means of monkish chronicles, historical achievements, marriage alliances, royal charters, haronial leases, sepulchral inscriptions, sasine precepts, judicial decreets, and fragmentary pedigrees, to the present lineal representative, who has furnished me with such an extensive collection of ancestral muniments, partly arranged by domestic annalists and antiquaries, that I am enabled to compile from the family archives the following brief record of the COULTHARTS of *Coulthart and Collyn*, chiefs of the name; and also to annex thereto heraldic and genealogical accounts of the ROSSES of *Renfrew*, the MACKNYGHTEs of *Macknyghte*, the GLENDONYNs of *Glendonyn*, the CARMICHAELS of *Carspherne*, the FORBESs of *Pitscottie*, the MACKENZIES of *Craighall*, and the GORDONS of *Sorbie*, who have all, through heiresses, become incorporated with the House of Coulthart, as successive generations meandered down the stream of time.

Commencing my chronicle, therefore, at the period to which I have alluded, and confining my details to the evidence of documents obviously authentic, I find the family name and descent to be derived from COULTHARTUS, a Roman lieutenant, who fought under Julius Agricola, at the foot of the Grampian mountains, when that victorious general was opposed by the confederated forces of the Scots, Picts, and Dines, under Corbredus Galdus. Peace having been restored soon after that decisive engagement, Coulthartus, instead of returning to Rome, married Marsa, daughter of Kadalyne, chief of the Novantes, by whom he acquired large territorial possessions near the present Whit-horn, in the county of Wigton. Coulthartus, who was versed in all the wisdom and learning of the Romans, appears to have lived at Lencaphibia, as a Caledonian chieftain, and to have died there, beloved and lamented, in the 12th year of the reign of King CONARUS. Coulthartus I. left two sons, Julius and Ackaline, both of whom ultimately succeeded to the family possessions. The eldest,

JULIUS, assisted in the erection of several strong castles near the wall of Adrian, which were built as a protection against the incursions of the Northumbrians. He was killed in routing a band of Irish robbers that infested the Western Islands of Scotland, and dying, as is believed, without leaving male issue, was s. by his brother,

ACKALINE, who fought heroically, under King ETHODIUS, against the Romans, near Adrian's Wall, and at his death, which occurred in that king's reign, left a son,

DORALDUS I., also a courageous warrior, who lost his life in suppressing a rebellion in the Western Islands. His son and successor,

MORADUS, was honoured with the friendship of King DONALDUS I., whose remains, by royal direction, he accompanied to their final resting-place at Dunstaffnage. Moradus is believed to have died in the 10th year of the reign of ETHODIUS II., and to have been s. by his son,

THORWALDUS, who exerted himself greatly, with other nobles, in deposing the usurper Nathalocus, and placing on the Scottish throne the lineal successor of ETHODIUS II. Thorwaldus's son and successor,

COULTHARTUS II., surpassed most men of his time in the manly exercises of running, riding, shooting arrows, throwing the dart, and wielding the battle-axe. His son and successor,

DIORTHACA, m. Amica, dau. of Bathirens, and was the first of the family that embraced the Christian religion, which at that time was disseminated in Scotland with much success,

under the fostering care of King FINCORMACHUS, a prince who openly received and protected all Christians that came to his dominions from the persecution of the Emperor DIOCLETIAN. Diorthaca left at his death two sons, viz., Cornelius and Prebellins. The eldest,

CORNELIUS, m. Fidelia, dau. of Oswaldus, and by her had many sons and daughters. Cornelius was killed in an engagement with the Picts in the reign of the Scottish monarch ANGUSIANUS, and was s. by his son

MORALINTHUS, a warrior who rendered especial assistance to EUGENIUS I., when that king totally routed the united forces of the Picts, Romans, and Britons, on the banks of the river Cree, in Galloway. Moralinthus m. a dau. of Hergasta, and by her had three sons, viz., Galdus, Haliuthus, and Orpheus, but the two eldest perished, with himself, in the memorable battle at the Water of Dee, between the Scots, under EUGENIUS, and the Picts, Britons, and Romans, under MAXIMUS. The family succession thereupon devolved on the youngest son,

ORPHEUS, who, with other religious men, fled to Icolmkill, where, in learned seclusion, he wrote a chronicle of the times in which he lived, including the preceding annals of his ancestors. After a lengthened sojourn on that sequestered island, Orpheus returned to the main land, and m. Castelda, dau. of Cambrunus, by whom he had two sons, Tyrus and Richaldus. Orpheus warmly espoused the return of the royal line of ETHODIUS to the throne, and was amongst the magnates who swore allegiance to FERUS II. at Argyle, A.D. 404. Orpheus d. in the early part of the reign of FERUS II., and was s. by his son,

TYRUS, who lived, according to Bede, at Coulthart, near Episcum, at the south-western extremity of Galloway. He was present at the ratification of the treaty of peace between FERUS II. and PLACIDUS, immediately after the battle of Pentland, and was slain at the general engagement that subsequently ensued between the allied armies of the Scottish, Pictish, and Welsh Kings, and that of Castus, who had shortly before been appointed by the Emperor THEODOSIUS to the command of the Roman forces in Britain. Tyrus left at his death several sons, and was s. by one named

CONANETH, who assisted Graham in demolishing the wall of Abercorn (afterwards called Graham's Dike); and in the battle which thereupon ensued with the Britons he rendered important services to EUGENIUS II. Conaneth, who was a very pious man, received a grant of lands from his prince as a reward for his courage and loyalty, and spent the evening of his life in the exercise of charity, devotion, and other christian virtues. He d. in the reign of CONSTANTINE I., and was s. by his son,

PAULUS, who was also an exceedingly religious man, and in support of the Christian faith fought valiantly under Congallus, when the combined forces of the Scots, Picts, and Britons first routed the Saxons in battle, driving them and their leaders, Hengist and Octa, out of Britain. He d. at Coulthart, shortly before the death of King GORANUS, leaving three sons, Humbra, Meldert, and Lortus. The eldest son,

HUMBRA, was present at the signing of the bond of peace and amity between ARTHUR, King of the Britons, on the one side, and the Kings of the Scots and Picts on the other. Humbra d. in the reign of EUGENIUS III., without leaving issue, and was s. by his nephew,

COULTHARTUS III., son of his brother Meldert, by Rocha his wife, dau. of Lothus, king of the Picts. Conlthartus III. was possessed of great personal strength and courage, and was exceedingly well skilled in the military exercises of the age in which he lived. He was succeeded by his son,

EUTAOUS, who was killed fighting under King AIDANUS against ETHELFRIED, the Saxon king of Northumbria. En-



ticus left two sons, the youngest of whom, Moraldus, was admitted a monk of Icolmkill, and taught the doctrines of Christianity so successfully in the monastery and elsewhere, that many wonderful miracles were attributed to him. Euticus's eldest son and successor,

KENTYRUS, was present at the coronation of four kings of Scotland, viz., KENNETH I., EUGENIUS IV., FERQUHARD I., and DONALD IV.; but dying soon after the accession of the latter monarch, he was s. by his son,

DORALNUS II., who rendered important services to MALCOLMUS, when that king resisted the incursions of the Picts and North-Saxons into his territories. His son and successor,

GALFRIDUS, was appointed an ambassador, by EUGENIUS V., to meet St. Cuthbert, bishop of Durham, ambassador from the Saxon king, ENFRIG, to negotiate a treaty of peace between the Scots and Northumbrians, but after a lengthy interview with that renowned prelate, peace for one year only was ratified. Galfridus appears to have died shortly after EUGENIUS VI., and his surviving sons, Coulthartus and Bertramus, not being of sufficient age to join in the wars which then raged between the Scots and Picts, the succession, by the covenants under which the lauds of Coulthart were then held, devolved temporarily upon his kinsman,

KINOTELLUS, who was killed in the victorious battle of the River Ty, when the Picts were totally routed by King AMBERELETHUS. Peace having been restored for a time by that decisive engagement, the eldest son of Galfridus, though not then arrived at man's estate, was specially permitted by his sovereign to succeed to the family inheritance. His name was

COULTHARTUS IV., and his life seems to be chiefly remarkable for the large pecuniary assistance he afforded in the erection of the Abbey of Candida Casa, which was built near his own patrimonial residence. After a long and peaceful life, spent in piety and works of charity, Coulthartus IV. died at Coulthart, in the reign of ETIVANUS, his remains being interred within the Abbey of Candida Casa, or the Whithorn of modern maps. Coulthartus left many sons by his wife Mtilda, dau. of Waldoch, thane of Galloway, one of whom, Octavius, after bestowing all his property on the Abbey of Whithorn, was himself admitted within its sacred walls as a teacher of the doctrines of Christianity. The son and heir,

DONATUS, after succeeding as chief of his family, commanded a division of SOLVATHUS' army, when that king drove Donald Bane and his rebel followers from the western continent and islands of Scotland. He was s. at his death by a son named

CORNELIUS II., who was present at the coronation of ACHAIUS, and lost his life near Haddington, in a battle fought between the united forces of the Scots and Picts on the one side, and the English, under Athelstane, on the other. The body of Cornelius was, by command of King ACHAIUS, deposited in the abbey church of Candida Casa, and a magnificent monument erected near the sepulchre commemorative of his valour and loyalty. Cornelius having left many sons, he was s. by one named

DUNSTANE, a courageous warrior, who, following the fortunes of ALPINUS, was, with that king, basely beheaded by the Picts, near Dunkeld, the spot where this sanguinary act was perpetrated being known to this day by the name of Bâs Alpine, that is to say, The Murder of Alpine. His son,

MORDACHUS, hearing in recollection the cruel death of his father, was one of the few Scottish noblemen that anxiously desired to punish, without delay, the Picts, for their unparalleled baseness and barbarity; and it was mainly by his council and influence that KENNETHUS II., son of Alpinus, succeeded in obtaining the full concurrence of his nobles to raise an army for the purpose. At the conclusion of the victorious battles which thereupon ensued against the Picts (by which they were utterly annihilated as a separate people, and their kingdom finally conjoined with that of the Scots, under the general name of Scotland), Mordachus was rewarded with a grant of the lands of Barnorn, in Galloway, for his valour and constancy, and with other nobles assisted in revising the old laws of the nation, adding thereto such new ones as the exigencies of the times and altered conditions of the kingdom required. He departed this life at Coulthart Castle, full of years and honours, his remains being interred within the consecrated precincts of the Priory of Candida Casa. Mordachus left two sons, Fergus and Cuthbertus: the eldest,

FERGUS, was present at the coronations of DONALDUS V. and CONSTANTINUS II., but dying towards the close of the reign of the latter monarch, without leaving issue, he was s. by his brother,

CUTHBERTUS, who fought under the good king GREGORIUS, in the wars which he waged against the Danes, and accompanied that pious prince to Ireland, when, having overcome the Irish in a succession of engagements, he was appointed the guardian of Ireland during a portion of the minority of the youthful king DUNCAN. Cuthbertus was s. by his son,

COULTHARTUS V., a man of great prudence, piety, and learning, who devoted much of his substance to erecting and repairing churches in Galloway, and much of his time to disseminating the gospel of Jesus Christ. Having lived in the comparatively peaceful reigns of DONALDUS VI. and CONSTANTINUS III., his services in council or war were but little required, so that many years of his life were spent in the benign exercise of practical christianity, which in more turbulent times must have been consumed in the harassing and exciting profession of arms. He d. at Coulthart Castle, deeply lamented, and was buried with his ancestors at Candida Casa. His son,

CORNELIUS III., was created Thane of Galloway, by INNULPHUS, and fell with that king near Buchan, in a battle with the Danes and Norwegians. He was s. as chief of the family by his son,

JORVETHUS, who was amongst the Scottish noblemen that assembled at Scoon, near Bertha, by command of KENNETHUS III., but dying soon afterwards, was buried at Candida Casa. He was s. by his son,

OSBERTUS, who fought under KENNETHUS III. at Luncarty, against the Danes, when the fate of the battle was in an extraordinary manner turned in favour of Scotland by the interposition of the countryman named Hay and his sons. Osbertus d. in the 20th year of the reign of KENNETHUS III., and was s. by his son,

WALUAIN, laird of Coulthart, a virtuous and loyal nobleman, who m. (settlement extant, dated 21 KENNETHUS III.) Angus, dau. of Vortinus, hereditary possessor in her own right of the lauds of Cumu, near Quhitheerne, and by her had, Donald, Malcolm, Gregory, and Alfred, who were all early trained to the profession of arms, and unexceptionally devoted their lives to the military service of their country. Waluain, who accompanied Prince Malcolm to England, to assist King ENWAIN in driving out the Danes, was subsequently present at Scoon, at the coronation of MALCOLM II., and was killed at the battle of Murrthack, with many other distinguished warriors. The eldest son,

DONALDUS, though scarcely arrived at man's estate when the responsibilities of the chiefship of his family devolved upon him, was almost immediately after such accession called to the councils of his sovereign and the Thanedom of Galloway. In his lifetime, the lands of Coulthart were formally erected into a barony or lordship by MALCOLM II., and the abbey church of Candida Casa materially enlarged and repaired. Donald d. in the first year of the reign of MACBETH, and his body was deposited in the tomb of his ancestors, at Candida Casa, where he had caused a noble shrine to be prepared for its reception. His son and successor,

COULTHARTUS VI., baron or lord of Coulthart, stood aloof from MACBETH during the many years he usurped the crown of Scotland, and joyfully joined, with all his retainers, the standard of MALCOLM KIANMORE, when that prince returned to his native land, and delivered the nation from usurpation and oppression. Coulthartus VI. died soon after the restoration of MALCOLM III., leaving two sons, Alfred and Theobald, who proceeded on a pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulchre of St. Peter, at Rome, immediately after their father's obsequies had been celebrated. On their return from Italy, A.D. 1065, the eldest,

ALFRED, baron or lord of Coulthart, within the regality of Galloway, was summoned by MALCOLM KIANMORE to attend a conference of estates at Forfar, to determine as to the best means of placing the kingdom of Scotland in a posture of defence against the anticipated invasion of William, Duke of Normandy, commonly called WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR. Alfred m. Editha, dau. of Giffardus, a Hungarian nobleman, and by her had,

GONOPREDUS, his heir.

Reginaldus, who distinguished himself at the battle of Lothian, when Edgar, 4th son of King MALCOLM III., obtained a decisive victory over Donald Bane, in 1107. Alexander, an exceedingly pious man, who was admitted a monk of the Cistercian Order at Dundrennan, A.D. 1143.

Alfred had a confirmation-charter from MALCOLM KIANMORE of the barony of Coulthart, on condition that three horses should always be furnished to the sovereigns of Scotland, when required, in time of war, for which reason three colts,



conrant, have ever since been borne by the family of Coulthart as an armorial ensign. Alfred was s. by his son,

GODOFREDUS, lord of the barony of Conlthart, who appears to have opposed the usurpations of Donald Bane and Duncan, and to have energetically supported the restoration of the legitimate offspring of MALCOLM to the throne. Godofredus was present at Secon when EDGAR was crowned and anointed, but dying at Conlthart in the succeeding reign of ALEXANDER, was buried with great pomp and solemnity in the family manseum at Candida Casa. He left issue by his wife Mand, dau. of Stephen de Mulia,

RADULPHUS (Sir), his heir.

Amelick, who fought at Northallerton, under the Earl of March, against STEPHEN, King of England, who was alleged to have invaded Northumberland, then in the possession of the Scots, contrary to a treaty of peace with King DAVID of Scotland.

Margaret, m. to Donal Macdonal, of Eatham.

Judith, m. to Adam de la Hay.

The eldest son,

SIR RADULPHUS DE COULTHART, was the first of the family on record that used the territorial designation as a surname, and the first lord that joined the Crusaders in an expedition to Palestine. He m. Ada, dau. of Walter de Montgomery, by whom he had,

PETER (Sir), his heir.

Walter, who m. a dau. of William de Bethune.

Michael, who joined the Crusaders, and were killed at the Henry, } siege of Acon.

Sir Radulphus de Coulthart, after his return from the Holy Land, assisted General Gilchrist very materially in repressing the disturbances in Galloway, when Angus, the thane thereof, assumed political independence; and as a reward for his valour and loyalty on the occasion, King MALCOLM granted him the lands of Benmark, at the same time conferring on him and his eldest son the honour of knighthood. He d. in the reign of WILLIAM THE LION, and was s. by his son,

SIR PETER DE COULTHART, Knt., chief of his name and family, who also aided General Gilchrist in quelling disturbances in Galloway, whilst King WILLIAM was forcibly detained in Normandy. He contributed largely in money, in 1191, towards the relief of the Christians in Jerusalem, and also furnished a quota of the armed men that left Scotland under the command of the Earl of Huntingdon, to assist RICHARD, king of England, in prosecuting the Holy Wars. Sir Peter m. Helen, dau. of Sir Richard de Crawford, by whom he had issue,

Alexander, who was killed by a fall from his horse, in his father's lifetime.

WILLIAM, his heir.

Roger, m. Margaret, dau. of Bosville of Balminto, by whom (as appears by a charter of WILLIAM THE LION, sans date) he had two sons, Hugo and Arthur.

Sir Peter de Coulthart's name appears in the list of noblemen and gentlemen who accompanied King WILLIAM to England to congratulate King RICHARD on his safe return from Palestine, and it also occurs amongst those present at York when peace was concluded between King JOHN and King WILLIAM. He d. at Coulthart Castle, and was interred with his ancestors in the Monastery of Whithorn. His son,

WILLIAM DE COULTHART, chief of his name, so designated in a bull by Pope Innocent III., had a grant of the lands of Barlochtery, in the shire of Wigtown, from Allan, lord of Galloway, which lands were afterwards mortified by the said William de Coulthart to the monks of Dundrennan, for the salvation of the soul of the said Allan, whose body had previously been interred within the walls of the abbey. By his wife Mary, dau. of Patrick de Riddell, William de Coulthart had, with other children, two sons, namely,

ROGER (Sir), his successor.

Walter, who assisted John Cumyn, Earl of Buchan, in capturing Gillespy Ross, the Outlaw, and his followers, after they had destroyed the town of Inverness by fire, and carried away much valuable property belonging to the inhabitants.

This chief appears to have obtained a charter, under the great seal of Scotland, uniting and incorporating the lauds of Barnorton, in Galloway, previously mentioned, with his barony of Conlthart, in the co. of Wigtown. At his death, in 1238, he was s. by his son,

SIR ROGER DE COULTHART, Knt., lord of the barony of Conlthart, who witnessed a charter granted by the Bishop of Candida Casa in 1227, and had the honour of tilting at the Royal Haddington Tournament, in 1240, before ALEXANDER II., who was so highly pleased with the skill he displayed on the occasion, that he personally invested him with the knightly girdle, and heraldically added to the three

black colts courant on his silver shield, a fesse sahle, which armorial ensigns have ever since, without alteration, been borne by the chiefs of the family. Sir Roger de Coulthart m. Isabella, dau. of Walter Stewart, hereditary high steward of Scotland, and by her had,

David, killed in Palestine, in his father's lifetime.

ALEXANDER, his heir.

Allan, } mentioned in a mortification-charter granting William, } certain lands in Galloway to the monks of Robert, } Glenluce.

Matilda, m. Thomas de Amisfield.

Janet, m. Archibald de Allardice, chief of his name.

Martha, took the veil, and is mentioned in a mortuary demise by her father to the Priory of Whithorn.

This chief, who was endowed with rare physical and mental abilities, d. at Conlthart, aged 64 years, and was buried with his ancestors at the Abbey of Whithorn. His son,

ALEXANDER DE COULTHART, kaird or lord of the barony of Conlthart, commanded a battalion in the left wing of the Scottish army at Largs, when Haco, king of Norway, was overthrown, 15 Aug. 1263. He m. Helen, dau. of the De Robertson, in the shire of Lanark, and had by her (who survived him, and m. 2ndly, Hugh de Biggers),

JOHN, his heir.

William, m. Matilda, dau. of Sir Richard Edmundstone, of Edmundstone, by whom he left at his death, in 1307, a son, JOHN, who ultimately succeeded his uncle John as chief of the name; Richard, in holy orders; Peter, who entered the navy; and Maud and Helen, mentioned in a charter A.D. 1321.

Alexander, designated in a testamentary disposition as "of Craigtower," who d. A.D. 1278.

Alexander de Conlthart, the chief, was s. by his son,

JOHN DE COULTHART, kaird of the barony of Coulthart, an exceedingly studious and learned man, who devoted much of his property to charitable and religious objects, and d. unm. 18 Oct. 1313. He was s. by his nephew,

JOHN DE COULTHART, eldest son of William de Coulthart, by Matilda, dau. of Sir Richard Edmundstone. This chief does not appear to have taken any conspicuous part in the political affairs of Scotland during the troublous reigns of JOHN BALIOL and ROBERT BRUCE; but the circumstance of his name not occurring in the lists of the barons and others who swore fealty to the two first EDWARDS, coupled with the fact of his having received a grant of the barony of Whitehorn from ROBERT I., leads to the conclusion that he was a supporter of Scottish independence, and was prevented by some unexplained cause from prominently sharing in the struggles for freedom which chiefly terminated with the battle of Bannockburn. This John de Conlthart m., for his 2nd wife, Elizabeth, dau. of William St. Clair, of Roslin; and as this lady is expressly joined with her husband in the charter of ROBERT I. above mentioned, I annex as correct a copy of the instrument as the defaced caligraphy and abbreviated Latin will permit:—

Carta Johis de Coultharto et Elizabetha  
spōse sue.

Robtus t̄c. Sciatis nos dedisse et h̄c  
p̄senti carta n̄ra confirmasse Johi de Coul-  
tharto militi et Elizabetha sēn spōse sue p  
h̄agio et suico suo totā baroniam de Quhit-  
hurn in dominiū de Galwydia cū ptinenē.  
Tenend et h̄nd d̄cis Johi et Elizabetha  
sponsc sue et eoz al̄ti diuci⁹ viuenti eozq;  
h̄ēdibz in īpos legie procreatis de nob et  
heredibz n̄ris in feodo et hereditate p om̄es  
rectas metas et diuisas suas libe q̄ete plenā  
et honorifice cū om̄ibz lib̄tatibz comoditatibz  
aysiam̄tis et iustis ptinenē suis faciendo inde  
nob et h̄ēdibz n̄ris d̄ci Johi et Elizabetha  
eozq; h̄ēdes sup̄d̄ci suiciū debitū et q̄suetū.  
Si v⁹ d̄ci Johi et Elizabetha moriant n̄llo  
h̄ēde relicto sup̄stite in īpos vt d̄cm ē  
pcreato volum⁹ q d̄ca baronia cū ptinenē  
ad p̄pinq̄ores h̄ēdes d̄ci Johis iure h̄ēdita⁹  
deuoluat. In cui⁹ rei t̄c.

The John and Elizabeth of the above charter had issue that arrived at maturity,

Robert and Henry, both killed at the battle of Neville's Cross, 17 Oct. 1346, without leaving issue.

WILLIAM, the heir.

James, who acquired lands in the shire of Stirling, and *m.* Margaret, dau. of Alexander Alison, of Dummottram, by whom he had several children.

This laird\* granted a charter to John de Balloch of certain lands, with a corn-mill thereon, adjoining his barony of Coulthart, and at his death, which occurred subsequently to 1346, he was *s.* by his son,

WILLIAM DE COULTHART, chief of his name and family, who obtained an entirely new grant of the lands of the barony of Coulthart from DAVID II. As this charter is in a good state of preservation, I subjoin a correct copy of it:—

#### Carta Wiffo de Coulthart.

Dauid dei gracia rex Scottorum omibz tē. Sciatis nos dedisse tē Wifmo de Coulthart gentis nōinisq; sui facile p̄mario omēs terras baronie de Coulthart cū p̄tū infra dominiū Wygtoun quas quidm̄ ūras cū p̄tū idm̄ Wifus non vi aut metu duct<sup>o</sup> nec errore lapsus. S; mera t̄ spontanea volūate sua nobis sursum reddidit t̄ resignauit tenend t̄ hnd̄ eidem Wifmo t̄ hēdibz suis mascul de corpore suo legitie procreat̄ seu pereand̄ quibz forte deficientibz Duncano fra<sup>s</sup> et Crstiane sponse sue sorori p̄dēi Wiffo et eoꝝ diutius viūti t̄ hēdibz masculis de eoꝝ corporibz legitie procreat̄ et ip̄is deficientibz hēdibz dēi Wiffo linealī descendētibz in feodo t̄ libitate cū omibz antiquis libtatibz comōditatibz ais̄yament̄ tē quibz dēs Wifus t̄ sui antecessores aū resignacōem dēaz̄ fraꝝ dēas ūras cum p̄tinēc de nobis tenuerūt vel possederūt faciendo de dēs ūris ūicia debita t̄ consueta.

In eu<sup>o</sup> rei tē testibz tē apud Abdeñ xviii die Januarij anno regni n̄rj xxxij<sup>o</sup>.

The William de Coulthart of the above charter *m.* Elizabeth, dau. of Alexander de Durrieder, and had issue,

ANDREW, his heir.

Robert, who *m.* Elizabeth, dau. of David Napier, and niece of Sir Alexander Napier, ancestor of the Lords Napier.

Janet, *m.* the laird of Muirhead, co. Lanark.

This chief executed, towards the close of his life, a mortification-deed (which I have seen, with the family seal pendant), to the monks of Glenluce, wherein he gave one hundred merks annually to that religious fraternity, that weekly intercession might in all time coming be made for the salvation of his soul and that of his dear wife Elizabeth. His son and successor,

\* This John de Coulthart appears to have been a great favourite of King ROBERT I., as he had also a grant of the lands of Carswell from that monarch, the following being a copy of the charter in the original Latin, unabbreviated:—

#### Carta Johannie de Coulthart.

Robertus, etc. Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac presentī carta nostra confirmasse Johanni de Coulthart familie suae principi, dilecto et fideli nostro, totam terram de Carswell cum pertinenciis, quae fuit quondam Hugonis de Berwick, infra baroniam de Slaithbus. Tenendum et habendum eidem Johanni et heredibus eius, de dominiis feodi illius et eorum heredibus, in feodo et hereditate, per omnes rectas metas et diuisas suas, adeo libere et quiete, plenarie et honorifice, cum omnibus libertatibus commoditatibus assymatis et iustis pertinenciis eius, sicut dictus quondam Hugo dictam terram cum pertinenciis aliquo tempore tenuit seu possedit, faciente inde dicto Johanne, et heredibus eius, dominiis feodi illius, et eorum heredibus, seruitium debitum et consuetum. In cuius rei, etc.

ANDREW DE COULTHART, laird of Coulthart and Largmore, and chief of his name and family, obtained a charter of the lands of Largmore, in Galloway, from ROBERT II., the following being a copy of the instrument:—

Robertus dei gracia rex Scottorum omnibz probis hominibz tocus terre sue c̄f̄cis t̄ laicis salīm. Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac p̄nti carta n̄ra confirmasse Andree d̄ Coulthart gētis nominisq; sui facile primario totam illam terram de Largmore cum p̄tinenē in tenemento de fertenȳot infra dominiū de Galweia que fuit Willī filij Thoñ et q̄am idm̄ Willī non vi aut metu duct<sup>o</sup> nec errore lapsus. S; mera et spontanea voluntate sua nobis p̄ fusī t̄ bacm̄ sursum reddidit et pure t̄ simplic̄ resignauit ac totum jus et clameum quod in dēa terra fuit vel f̄re pōt̄ infuturum pro se et heredibz suis oīs quiclamauit imp̄petuū tenend t̄ hnd̄ eidm̄ Andree et Margarete sponse sue et heredibz inī ip̄os p̄creatis seu procreand̄ t̄ ip̄is forte deficientibz hēd̄ eiusd̄ Andree legitis quibuscunq; de nobis t̄ hēdibz n̄ris in feodo t̄ hēditate p̄ omēs rectas metas et diuisas suas libere quiete plenarie et honorifice cū omibz libtatibz ḡmodibz aisiamētis t̄ iust̄ p̄tinenē quibuscunq; ad dēam terram spectantibz seu iuste sp̄ctare valentibz in futurū reddend̄ annuatim nobis hēdibz n̄ris prefatus Andreas et Marguareta sponsa sua et heredes sui p̄dēi et ip̄is forte deficientibz heredes prefati Andree veri et legiū duas marcas argenti ad ūminos vsuales apud villam S̄ci Joh̄is de Wygtoun et faciendo deciam p̄tem ūicij vnus militis in exercitu n̄ro et alias quoties sc̄dm̄ leges regn̄j n̄ri fūit faciend̄. In cui<sup>o</sup> rei testiōm̄ etē. Testibz vt sup̄a apud Irwyn xxvij<sup>o</sup> die Januarij anno regn̄j n̄ri duodecimo.

Andrew de Coulthart of the above charter *m.* Margaret, dau. of William Baird, of Camnethan, by whom he left at his death, 12 Nov. 1384, an only son and successor,

GILBERT DE COULTHART, lord or laird of Coulthart and Largmore, who *m.* Mariot, dau. of Andrew Blackadder, of Blackadder, in the co. of Berwick, niece of Sir Patrick Blackadder, of Tullislan, and cousin-german of Robert, 1st Archbishop of Glasgow. By that lady Gilbert de Coulthart had issue,

ROGER (Sir), his heir.

Andrew, to whom and his mother Mariot, ROBERT III. granted a charter of the lands of Barglass and Murburne, within the barony of Coulthart; and as this charter happens to be in a beautiful state of preservation, I annex a transcription of it, viz.:—

Carta p̄ Mariota de Coulthart et And̄ra de Coulthart filio q̄nd̄ Gilbt̄i de Coulthart.

Robtus dei grā rex Scottoꝝ omibz pbis homibz tocus t̄re sue c̄f̄cis t̄ laicis salīm. Siat̄ nos dedisse concessisse et hac p̄nti carta n̄ra confirmasse dilcē n̄re Mariote de Coulthart sponse q̄ndam Gilberti de Coulthart et Andree de Coulthart filio dēi quōdam



Gilberti in<sup>o</sup> ipm et dēam Mariotā leg<sup>o</sup>time pcreato omēs ūras de Barglass et de Murburne cū ptinenē in baronia de Coulthart infra viceē de Wygtoun. Quequidm ūre pius fuerūt dēe Mariote et quas ūras cū ptinenē p<sup>o</sup>dēa Mariota nō vi aut metu ducta n<sup>o</sup> errore lapsa sed mera et spontanea voluntate sua in sua legitima viduitate nobis apud Cambuskyneth p<sup>o</sup> fustū et baculū sursum reddidit pureq<sup>o</sup> t<sup>o</sup> simplici<sup>o</sup> resignauit ac totū jus t<sup>o</sup> clameū que in p<sup>o</sup>dēis ūris cū p<sup>o</sup> fuit ūl habere potuit p<sup>o</sup> se t<sup>o</sup> hēdibz suis omīno quietū clamauit imp<sup>o</sup>petuū. Tenend et habend omēs p<sup>o</sup>dēas ūras de Barglass et de Murburne cū ptinenē p<sup>o</sup>dēis Mariote et Andree et hēdibz masculis de corpe dēi Andree legit<sup>o</sup>ie pereandis quibz forte deficientibz hēdibz masculis p<sup>o</sup>dēe Mariote de corpe suo legit<sup>o</sup>ie pereandis ac ipis deficientibz hēdibz p<sup>o</sup>pinquioribz dēi Mariote quibuscūq<sup>o</sup> de nobis et hēdibz ūris in feodo et hēditate imp<sup>o</sup>petuū p<sup>o</sup> omēs rectas metas t<sup>o</sup> diuisas suas cū omibz et singulis lib<sup>o</sup>tatibz comōditatibz aysiamēte t<sup>o</sup> iustis ptinenē suis quibuscūq<sup>o</sup> ad p<sup>o</sup>dēas ūras de Barglass et de Murburne spectantibz seu iuste spectare valentibz in futurū. Adeo libe et quiete plenarie integre et honorifice sicut p<sup>o</sup>dēa Mariota ante resignacōem suā nobis facta p<sup>o</sup>dēas ūras cū ptinenē libius quicicius integ<sup>o</sup>us seu honorificenci<sup>o</sup>us tenuit seu possedit p<sup>o</sup> ūicia inde debita et consueta. In cui<sup>o</sup> rei testiōm p<sup>o</sup>nti carte ūre n<sup>o</sup>rm p<sup>o</sup>epim<sup>o</sup> apponi sigillū. Testibz veñ in X<sup>o</sup> patribz Matheo et Gilberto Glasguenē et Aberdoneē ecclia<sup>o</sup>z episcopis et Alex<sup>o</sup> de Cokburne et Langtōn custode magni sigilli ūri Irwyne vicesimo die Octobr<sup>o</sup> anno regni ūri secundo.

Besides Roger and Andrew, above mentioned, Gilbert de Coulthart had issue, by his wife Mariot, a dau. named

Janet, whose husband, Robert de Agnew, obtained from her brother, Sir Roger de Coulthart, a charter of the lands of Fellmore, in Galloway, dated 24 Nov. 1443; and as the pendant seal of that charter is still remarkably perfect, I annex a facsimile engraving of it.



Gilbert de Coulthart d. 18 Aug. 1391, at Dantzick, in Western Prussia, whilst on an expedition against the Turks, under William Douglas, Earl of Nithsdale, and was s. in his property and family representation by his eldest son,

SIR ROGER DE COULTHART, Knt., lord of the barony of Coulthart, co. Wigtown, and of Largmore, in the lordship of Galloway and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, chief of the name and family, who had the honour of knighthood conferred by JAMES I. at his coronation at Secon, A.D. 1424, and m. (covenants dated on the eve of St. Martin's Feast, in the 3rd year of the reign of King JAMES I. of Scotland), Margery, dau. and co-heiress of John the Ross of Renfree, Knt., and maternally co-heiress of MACKNYGHE of Macknyghte, and GLENDONYN of Glendonyn, which pedigrees I have hereto added. By this heiress Sir Roger had issue,

ROGER (Sir), his heir.

Gilbert, who went in the train of Earl Douglas, lord of Galloway, to various European courts, A.D. 1449, and fought at the battle of Brechin, 18 May, 1452.

James, designated in a wadset which I have seen, "of Auchtergillan," m. Joan, dau. of Sir Andrew Ogilvy, of Auchterhouse.

John (and his wife Annabel), mentioned in a chancery precept dated 18 March, 1454.

Margery, m. to James Mackintosh, of Linlithgow.

Elizabeth, m. William Henderson, son of Sir Thomas Henderson, of Fordell.

Sir Roger distinguished himself at the battle of Aberbrothick, 13 Jan. 1445-6, and fell at the siege of Roxburgh Castle, 17 Sept. 1460. He was s. by his son,

SIR ROGER DE COULTHART, who was served heir to the lands of Coulthart and Largmore in 1461, and to those of Renfree, Macknyghte, and Glendonyn, on the death of his mother, 10 March, 1474. He m. (settlements dated St. Oswald's-day, 1447) Anne, dau. and co-heiress of Sir Richard CARMICHAEL, of Carsperne (see that pedigree), and by her had issue,

RICHARD, his heir.

Walter, an admiral of the fleet.

Henry, who settled in Craven, in the co. of York, and was ancestor of H.-W. Coulthurst, D.D., late vicar of Halifax.

Allan, { mentioned in a charter dated 20 June, 1473.

Edward, { George, described "of Rockhill," m. Margaret, dau. of John Chalmer, Baron of Gairgirth.

Sir Roger was killed at Sauchyburn, 11 June, 1488, having received the honour of knighthood from King JAMES III., only a few months before his death. His successor was his eldest son,

RICHARD DE COULTHART, retoured heir to the barony of Coulthart and the lands of Largmore, 19 July, 1488. He executed various important writs, that I have seen, with a seal similar to that above given, which was used by his grandfather, Sir Roger de Coulthart, to Robert de Agnew, on 24 Nov. 1443. He fell at Flodden, 9 Sept. 1513, leaving by Matilda his wife, dau. of David Bētoun, of Creech,

CUTHBERT, his heir.

Johu, who obtained sasine of the lands of Blairhill, co. Ayr, 10 June, 1543, and m. Margaret, dau. of Campbell, Lord Loudon.

William, who obtained a charter of the twenty-pound land of Bengairn, in the lordship of Galloway and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright.

Robert, who m. a dau. of Houston of Houston, 12 May, 1538.

Agnes, Margaret, Helen, Elizabeth, and Mary, mentioned in their father's last will and testament, dated 18 Oct. 1512.

The eldest son and heir,

CUTHBERT DE COULTHART, of Coulthart, lord of the barony of Coulthart, in the co. of Wigtown, and of the lands of Largmore, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, chief of the name, was a man of extraordinary physical powers, who frequently distinguished himself in the military encounters of his time. At the battle of Flodden-Field he behaved with great bravery, and at Solway Moss, where he fell, he commanded a division of the Scottish army with admirable courage and discretion. He m. Lady Elizabeth Hay, eldest dau. of George, 6th Earl of Erroll (who m. 2ndly, William, Lord Keith), and at his death, Nov. 25, 1542, was s. in his estates and family chieftainship by his only son,

JOHN COULTHART, of Coulthart and Largmore, of whom I have not been able to trace anything notable in the family muniments\*. He was b. 12 July, 1542; m. 11 April, 1575,

\* Amongst the deeds in the possession of the Coulthart family, is a writ under the great seal of Scotland, granted to this chief during the Earl of Moray's regency, dated 20 Oct. 1568, which clearly establishes the recognised rank and

Helen, dau. and eventually co-heiress of John FORBES, of *Pitcottie* (see pedigree annexed), by whom he left issue at his death, circa 1620,

WILLIAM, his heir.

Roger, in holy orders, m. Barbara, dau. of Hugh Campbell, of Ayr.

Cuthbert, capt. royal artillery, who m. 1st, Sarah, dau. of Colonel Cunningham; and 2ndly, Jean, dau. of Sir William Bailie, of Lamington.

Christian, m. to William Livingstons, of Calendar.

Helen, m. to John Sinclair, of Dunbeath.

Matilda, m. Robert Hay, of Strathmorton, brother to John, Lord Yester, ancestor of the Marquisses of Tweeddale.

Agnes, m. George Wallace, son of Sir Hugh Wallace, of Craigue.

The eldest son,

WILLIAM COULTHART, of Coulthart and Largmore, Esq., was a party to deeds in 1621, 1624, 1625, and 1629, now in the charter-chest, which have, in an obliterated condition, the armorial ensigns of Coulthart, Renfrew, Macknyghte, and Glendonyn, impressed on lead, hanging at the bottom. He m. 10 June, 1624, Mary, dau. and co-heiress of Richard MACKENZIE, of *Craig Hall*, in the district of Kyle, on the south-west coast of Scotland (see pedigree), and nieces of Gavin Hamilton, some time bishop of Galloway. By this lady (who d. 6 Dec. 1659) he had issue,

JOHN, his heir.

Richard, a major in the army of King CHARLES II., who, to avoid persecution when OLIVER CROMWELL was proclaimed Lord Protector, fled beyond seas, and never afterwards returned from exile.

Mary, m. 22 Aug. 1661, to this Rev. John Forbes, of Kells. Jauret, d. unm. 9 Nov. 1676.

Mr. Coulthart, of Coulthart, d. 20 Feb. 1653, and was s. by his son,

JOHN COULTHART, Esq. of Coulthart and Largmore, b. 4 April, 1625; m. 11 Feb. 1658, Janet, 3rd dau. of James Douglas, Esq. of Dee House, co. Ayr, and by her (who d. 24 June, 1692) he had issue,

RICHARD, his heir.

Robert, an officer in the royal navy, killed 16 June, 1693, off St. Vincent, when fighting under Admiral Rooke, against the French squadrons.

William, who represented the burgh of Wigtown in parliament from 1692 to the Union, of which he was a staunch supporter.

Grizel, m. 15 Jan. 1688, to James Adamson, Esq. of Woodholme, in the co. of Ayr, and d. 17 Dec. 1722.

Margaret, m. 4 Aug. 1678, George Stewart, Esq. of Cairnsmuir, in the co. of Ayr.

The chief of Coulthart and Largmore d. 11 Sept. 1690, and was s. by his son,

RICHARD COULTHART, Esq., chief of his name and family, lord of Coulthart and Largmore, an eminent practical agriculturist, and author of the once-celebrated work entitled *The Economy of Agriculture*, which long formed a text-book to the farmers in Scotland. He was b. at Coulthart, 16 Jan. 1659, and m. 15 Nov. 1698, Jean, dau. and heiress of WILLIAM GORDON, of *Sorbie*, Esq. (see that pedigree), by whom (who d. 8 Dec. 1730) he had issue an only son, who succeeded him at his death, 10 Nov. 1717. His name was

JAMES COULTHART, Esq. of Coulthart and Largmore, b. 2 Jan. 1702; served heir to his father 12 July, 1723; purchased the estate of KNOCKHILL, co. Ayr, 16 May, 1732; and m. 28 Sept. 1734, Grizel, dau. of MacTurk, Esq. of The Gluekens, co. Kirkcubright, and by her (who d. 14 July, 1767) he had issue,

I. WILLIAM, his heir.

1. Andrew, of Trostons, in the parish of Dalry, co. Kirkcubright, b. at Largmore, 24 May, 1740; m. 20 April, 1763, Miss Elizabeth McCaw, by whom he had issue,

1 James, bapt. at Kells, 3 Sept. 1764, d. 10 Feb. 1771; 2 James, his successor, of whom hereafter; 1 Margaret, bapt. at Kells Church, 22 April, 1766; 2 Jean, bapt. at Kells, 23 July, 1768, m. in 1808, to James Campbell, Esq. of Chatham, Canada West, America, and d. s. p. in 1851. 3 Mary, bapt. at Kells, 23 July, 1773, d. unm. in 1806; 4 Agnes, bapt. at Kells, 15 Oct. 1780, d. unm. in 1807; 5 Elizabeth, b. in 1782, m. in 1799, to James Armstrong, Esq. of Dalmellington, in the Stewartry of Kirkcubright, and d. s. p. in 1840. Mr. Andrew Coulthart, of Trostons, d. 12 Jan. 1805, leaving an only surviving son as his successor, viz.,

antiquity of the feudal kairs and barony of Coulthart. The words relating to this matter in the original Latin are—

“In prosapia Johannis Coulthart filii domini Cuthberti Coulthart, baronum de Coulthart familiae suae principum. Qui quidem Coulthart barones de Coulthart, ab annis jam amplius octingentis, illius nominis principes claruerunt, ut ex authenticis liquet domus monumentis et constat.”

James, of Trostone, bapt. at Kells Church, 21 March, 1771, m. 15 June, 1793, Miss Agnes Gillespie, dau. of John Gillespie, Esq. of Carsphern, in the Stewartry of Kirkcubright, by whom (who d. in 1807) he had issue, 1 Robert, his heir; 2 James, of Craigadam, in the parish of Kirkpatrick-Durham, and Stewartry of Kirkcubright, b. 31 Jan. 1803; 3 Andrew, of Carsphern, in the Stewartry of Kirkcubright, b. 11 Jan. 1806, m. 4 March, 1828, Margaret, dau. of James Thompson, Esq. of Parton, in the Stewartry of Kirkcubright, by whom he has issue, Robert, Andrew, James, Agnes, Mary; 1 Janet, bapt. at Dalry Church, 18 March, 1799, m. 10 Jan. 1819, to Bryce Gibson, Esq. of Crocketford, in the Stewartry of Kirkcubright, by whom she has issue, James, William, John, Agnes, Susan, and Margaret. Mr. James Coulthart, of Trostons, d. at Ardoch, in the parish of Dalry, and Stewartry of Kirkcubright, A.D. 1844, leaving, as his successor, his eldest son,

Robert, of Drummanister, in the parish of Balmacellan, and Stewartry of Kirkcubright, b. at Trostons, 9 March, 1801, m. 1st, 2 Sept. 1831, Catherine, dau. of John Murray, Esq. of Margree, in the parish of Dalry, by whom (who d. 13 Sept. 1836) he had issue,

1 James, b. 15 Sept. 1835.

2 Agnes, b. 16 March, 1833, m. William Morrison, Esq. of Balmacellan, in the Stewartry of Kirkcubright.

Mr. Robert Coulthart, of Drummanister, m. 2ndly, 18 March, 1839, Ann, dau. of James McCormick, Esq. of Kells, in the Stewartry of Kirkcubright, by whom he has issue,

1 Robert, b. 3 Jan. 1841.

2 William, b. 16 April, 1845.

III. John, b. 18 April, 1743, in holy orders.

Mr. Coulthart (the chief) d. 8 May, 1775, and was s. by his eldest son,

WILLIAM COULTHART, of Coulthart and Largmore, Esq., b. 6 Jan. 1739; served heir 20 Nov. 1775; m. 2 Feb. 1760, Janet, oldest dau. of Alexander McNaught,\* Esq. of Milltown Park, in the Stewartry of Kirkcubright, by whom (who d. at Collyn House, 18 May, 1832) he had issue,

1. Alexander, b. 21 June, 1769; m. 20 Aug. 1788, Rachel, dau. of George Deans, Esq. of Annan, co. Dumfries, and d. s. p. 19 July, 1789, his remains being interred at the parish church of Kirkpatrick-Fleming, co. Dumfries.

II. WILLIAM, his heir.

1. Grizel, b. 18 May, 1763; m. 5 Sept. 1784, John Thomson, Esq. of Fir-Park, in the co. of Dumfries, by whom (who d. 21 April, 1827, aged 78 years) she left two daus. at her death, on 2 Dec. 1823, viz.,

1 Mary, b. 30 June, 1792; m. 15 Juns, 1828, Andrew Adamson, Esq. of Preston Hall, near Annan, in the co. of Dumfries, son of William Adamson, Esq., and Janet his wife, dau. of John Thomson, Esq. of Middlebie, in the same county, by whom she has issue,

John Adamson, b. 27 March, 1829.

Mary-Anns Adamson, b. 10 Jan. 1832.

Jean Adamson, b. 11 Jan. 1835.

2 Jean, b. 2 Aug. 1800; m. 19 June, 1831, James Rea, Esq. of Holland-Bush, in the parish of Dornack, and co. of Dumfries, son of William Rea, Esq., of Brow House, and Mary his wife, dau. of — Weld, Esq. of Grestna Grange.

III. Jean, b. 1 Jan. 1780; m. 10 Oct. 1799, Robert Johnstone, Esq., eldest son of John Johnstone, Esq. of Cumbertrees, in the co. of Dumfries, and Janet his wife, dau.

\* Alexander McNaught, Esq. of Miltou Park, a descendant of the McNaughts of *Kilquharity*, had by his wife Mary three sons and three daus., namely,

1 James, who m. 11 Feb. 1763, Miss Mary Todd, of Dalry, and d. 8 Dec. 1810, leaving by her an only son, James, of Kendal, co. Westmoreland, and three daus.

2 William, b. 4 March, 1745, who d. unm.

3 Alexander, b. 12 Feb. 1755, who m. 1st, in 1780, Miss Elizabeth Coulthart, by whom (who d. 13 March, 1807) he had thirteen children. He m. 2ndly, in 1809, Miss Jane Korr, by whom, at his death, 2 March, 1837, he left issue four sons and four daus.

1 Janet, who m. 2 Feb. 1760, William Coulthart, of Coulthart and Largmore, Esq., as in the text.

2 Mary, b. 25 Nov. 1742, m. in 1762, Thomas Edgar, Esq. of Keir, co. Dumfries, by whom she had, Robert, Alexander, and Charles.

3 Jane, who m. in 1781, John Tait, Esq. of Buittle, in the Stewartry of Kirkcubright, by whom (who d. in 1824) she had issue (with three daus.) an only son, John, head master of the endowed Parochial Grammar School of Buittle.

Arms—Sa., a fesse, chequy, arg. and azurs, between three boars' heads, erased, of the second, langued, gu.

Crest—Out of a ducal coronet, or, a lion's head, as in the arms.

Motto—Post prelia premia.



of — Pool, Esq. of Bryde Kirk Bank, by whom (who *d.* 15 Dec. 1847) she left three sons and two daus. at her death, on 12 Jan. 1809, viz.,

- 1 John, *b.* 10 Feb. 1801, } of Johnstone Ville, Mark-
- 2 William, *b.* 4 March, 1803, } ham's Concession, U. Can.
- 3 James, of Stapleton, in the parish of Dornack, and
- co. of Dumfries, *b.* 20 Aug. 1805; *m.* 9 Dec. 1828, Jane,
- dan. of the late John Paterson, Esq. of Bryde Kirk
- Hall, in the co. of Dumfries, a lineal descendant of
- William Paterson, Esq. of Traillflat, in the same county,
- founder of the Bank of England, in 1694. Mr. James
- Johnstone, of Stapleton, has issue five sons and four
- daus., viz.,

Thomas, of Liverpool, in the co. of Lancaster, *b.* 20 July, 1830.

Robert, *b.* 7 Sept. 1882.

John, *b.* 19 Aug. 1838.

James, *b.* 9 March, 1843, *d.* 18 Jan. 1845.

James, *b.* 19 Aug. 1846.

Jane, *b.* 24 July, 1834, *d.* 1 Aug. 1842.

Janet, *b.* 17 Feb. 1836.

Elizabeth, *b.* 17 July, 1840, *d.* 26 July, 1842.

Mary-Jane, *b.* 31 Aug. 1849.

- 1 Mary, *b.* 19 Nov. 1807; *m.* 24 June, 1839, to William
- Halliday, Esq. of Maxwelltown, in the Stewartry of
- Kirkcudbright, by whom she has issue,

Robert-Johnstone, *b.* 26 July, 1840.

John, *b.* 6 Dec. 1844.

Eliza, *b.* 4 May, 1842.

Mary-Jane, *b.* 7 June, 1845.

- 2 Janet, *b.* 12 Jan. 1809; *m.* 30 Oct. 1838, Ebenezer
- Jamieson, Esq. of Brydes Kirk Hall, in the co. of Dum-
- fries, son of the late Robert Jamieson, Esq., and Sarah
- Burton his wife, by whom she has issue,

Robert, *b.* 7 Feb. 1840.

William, *b.* 5 Aug. 1842.

Jane, *b.* 1 Jan. 1850.

Mr. Coulthart alienated the lands of Largmore, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, and of Knockhill, co. Ayr, 15 May, 1776, and took possession of the estate of Collyn, co. Dumfries, on the 4th day of June, in the same year. He *d.* 15 Feb. 1807, and was interred in the family burying ground at the parish church of Kirkpatrick-Fleming, co. Dumfries, his estates and family chieftainship devolving on his only surviving son and successor,

WILLIAM COULTHART, of Coulthart, co. Wigton, and of Collyn, co. Dumfries, Esq., chief of his name and family, *b.* 21 March, 1774; *m.* 3 Sept. 1801, Helen, 2nd dau. of the late John Ross, Esq. of Dalton, co. Dumfries, a descendant of the Rosses of Halkhead, co. Renfrew, and a collateral relation of the Boyces, Earls of Glasgow (*See Ross of Dalton*). Mr. Coulthart had issue,

- i. JOHN-ROSS, his heir, the present representative of the family.

- ii. Margaret, *b.* 9 Nov. 1808; *m.* 25 March, 1833, James Macguffie, Esq., of Crossmichael, co. Kirkcudbright, eldest son of William Macguffie, Esq. of Loch-Hill, in the parish of Crossmichael, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, and Agnes his wife, dan. of Robert Sloan, Esq. of Whinnihill, in the parish of Lochrutton, and said Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, by whom she has issue,

1 William, *b.* 12 Oct. 1835.

2 John, *b.* 11 March, 1839.

3 James, *b.* 8 Feb. 1841.

4 Thomas, *b.* 13 Sept. 1843.

5 Alexander, *b.* 28 July, 1851.

6 Joseph, *b.* 17 March, 1854.

1 Helen, *b.* 19 Jan. 1834.

2 Agnes, *b.* 1 Feb. 1837.

3 Margaret, *b.* 13 Sept. 1843.

4 Mary, *b.* 3 July, 1846.

5 Catherine-Campbell, *b.* 17 June, 1849.

\* The family of Macguffie is of ancient standing in Galloway, and deduces its pedigree from Colonel John Macguffie, of Cuhicks, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, killed at Flodden, 9 Sept. 1513, leaving, by Felicia his wife, dan. of John Home, Esq. of Ardmillan, three sons and two daus. Eleventh in direct heritable descent from this Colonel Macguffie, of Cuhicks, stands James Macguffie, Esq. of Crossmichael and Wigton, who *m.* Margaret, only dan. of William Coulthart, of Coulthart and Collyn, Esq., as in the text.

*Arms*—Arg., a fesse, sa., between three boars' heads, couped, of the last.

*Crest*—A hoar's head, as in the arms.

*Motto*—Arma parata ferro.

Mr. Coulthart *d.* at Pasture House, co. Cumberland, 7 Oct. 1847, and was s. in his estates and family chieftainship by his only son, the present

JOHN ROSS COULTHART, of Coulthart, co. Wigton, Collyn, co. Dumfries, and Croft House, Ashton-under-Lyne, co. Lancaster, Esq., hanker, *b.* 24 June, 1807; educated at the Grammar School of Buittle, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright; entered the National Bank of Scotland's office, Castle Douglas, in 1828; the Yorkshire District Bank's branch at Halifax, co. York, in 1834; and the Ashton, Stalybridge, Hyde, and Glossop Bank, Ashton-under-Lyne, as general manager, in 1836, which office he still holds in this present year of our Lord 1854. Though in some respects engaged in an arduous and exacting profession, Mr. Coulthart has not neglected to cultivate general literature, nor to employ his time in the acquisition of information which has been found useful by his fellow townsmen and the public. In 1838, he published an octavo volume of Decimal Interest Tables, which have been found exceedingly valuable by bankers; and *The Times* newspaper of 21 February, 1845, seven years after publication, speaks of the work in very high terms in the money article, and says that it is deserving of the widest circulation. In 1843, when commissioners were appointed by Parliament to inquire into the sanitary condition of the large towns in England and Wales, Mr. Coulthart, though a banker, was deputed to report on Ashton-under-Lyne, which he executed with such fulness of information, lucidness of arrangement, and accuracy of description, that the Marquis of Normanby, in the House of Lords (26 July, 1844), and the Earl of Carlisle, then Lord Morpeth, in the House of Commons (30 March, 1847), specially mentioned it as deserving of particular attention. Mr. Coulthart is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, Scotland; an Associate of the British Archaeological Association, London; local Secretary to the Camden Society for Ashton-under-Lyne; a member of the Chetham Society, Manchester; and of the Lancashire and Cheshire Historical Society, Liverpool, &c. Mr. Coulthart is also Treasurer of the borough of Ashton-under-Lyne, of the Ashton-under-Lyne Savings' Bank, and of the Ashton-under-Lyne Poor-Law Union; and served the office of Mayor of the Manor of Ashton-under-Lyne in 1855.

*Arms*—Quarterly of eight:

1st.—Arg., a fesse, between two colts in chief, and on a base, couped, sa., for COULTHART of Coulthart, in allusion to three horses that the Coultharts were anciently bound to furnish the Sovereigns of Scotland in time of war, when required, for their barony of Coulthart, in the county of Wigton.

2nd.—Arg., a chevron chequy of threes tracks, sa. and or, between three water-bougets, of the second, for ROSS of Renfrew.

3rd.—Sa., an issuant beaumont, chequy, arg. and or, between three lions' heads, erased, of the second, for MACKENYONTE of Macknyghte.

4th.—Quarterly, arg. and sa., a cross parted per cross engrailed, counterchanged, for GLENDONYN of Glendonyn.

5th.—Arg., a bend cotised, potentée, sa., charged with a tilting-spear, of the first, for CARMICHAEL of Carspherne.

6th.—Erm., a chevron chequy, arg. and sa., between three hoars' heads, couped, of the last, muzzled, gu., within a hordure nebule, of the third, for FORBES of Pisciottie.

7th.—Quarterly, 1st and 4th, az., a stag's head, cabossed, or; 2nd and 3rd, arg., three human legs, armed, ppr., united in the centre at the upper part of the thigh, triangularly flexed, garnished and spurred, of the second; in surcoat, an escutcheon, erm., charged with a stag's head, cabossed, sa., within a hordure, palletted, of the third, for MACKENZIE of Craig Hall.

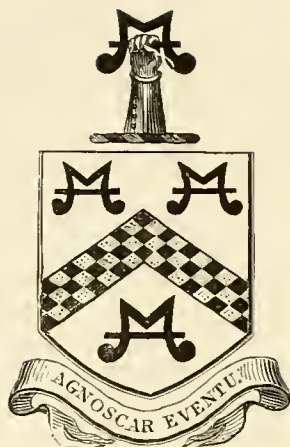
8th.—Erm., a fesse, sa., charged with a spear, arg., the point to the dexter side, between three hoars' heads, erect and erased, of the second, for GORDON of Sorbie.

*Supporters*—On the dexter, a war-horse, arg., completely armed for the field, ppr., garnished, or; on the sinister, a stag, of the second, attired and ducally gorged, of the third; having a reins on the name Coulthart.

*Crest*—A war-horse's head and neck, couped, arg., armed and bridled, ppr., garnished, or.

*Motto*—Virtutis non verbis; in allusion to the horses in the arms.

## ROSS OF RENFREW.



THE distinguished name of Ross is associated with nearly all the notable events of Scottish history; but as the families so designated are numerous, the tracing of the descent of the Rosses of Renfrew has been a work of some difficulty. Indeed, the following pedigree of the family has been almost entirely compiled from private MSS., the national records, from their general statements, affording very little assistance. The earliest progenitor I can trace is

**ALYSANDRE THE ROSS DE RENFREW**, living *temp.* DAVID I., reputed to have been an exceedingly learned and well-bred man, and designated in an old family charter, sans date, "Sheriff-principial and constable-primus of the county of Renfrew." He *m.* Isabel, dau. of Stephen de Morton, which Stephen renewed and augmented a donation of his ancestors to the monks of Aberbrothich, the deed being subsequently confirmed by WILLIAM THE LION. He had issue by this marriage,

SERLE, his heir, of whom presently.

DAVID, designated in various family papers as "of Aberford," a six-merk land of old extent in the shire of Ayr. By a mortification-deed dated Christmas, 1172, he bestowed on the monks of Paisley one-tenth part of all his heritable property, for the salvation of his soul and the souls of his near relations. He had several children by his wife Alice, dau. of Walter de Newbiggin, lord of Dun-syre, which Walter had another dau., Margaret, *m.* to William, Lord Somerville, who was one of the nobles appointed to exercise in a tournament at Roxburgh Castle, on the occasion of the marriage of King ALEXANDER II.

Alysandre the Ross de Renfrew *d.* before 1161, and was *s.* by his son,

SERLE THE ROSS DE RENFREW, whose name and designation occur in a mortification-grant to the abbots of Kelso, A.D. 1161. By Margaret his wife, dau. of Richard de Arbutnot, in the shire of Kincardine, he left at his death two sons, ALEXANDER and RADULPHUS, both of whom ultimately succeeded to the family possessions. The eldest,

ALEXANDER THE ROSS DE RENFREW, was a donor to the Abbey of Scoon, as is set forth in the second volume of the chartulary book thereof; and took part with Gilchrist in quelling the disturbances raised by the Thane of Galloway during the period that King WILLIAM THE LION was forcibly detained in Normandy. He *m.* Maud Cunningham, whose father, Stephen Cunningham, was one of the fifteen hostages given to King HENRY II. of England at the liberation of King WILLIAM of Scotland. By her he left issue at his death an only son,

HARVEY THE ROSS DE RENFREW, who stands one of the witnesses to a charter granted by Allan, lord of Galloway, of the lands of Blackroek, to Hugh Craufurd, ancestor of the Earls of Loudoun. He was never married, and lived very devoutly, bestowing, towards the close of his life, large portions of his estate on pious objects, not forgetting the Abbey of Aberbrothich, where, by the side of General Gilchrist, in

St. Katherine's chapel, his remains were deposited. His successor was his uncle,

RADULPHUS THE ROSS DE RENFREW, who acquired the lude of Drumboyne, as dower with his wife Helen, sister of Serle Dundas, of that ilk, and was amongst the noblemen and gentlemen who attended the King of Scotland to the English court, to congratulate King RICHARD on his safe return from Palestine. Radulphus was through life an exceedingly energetic man; and for his valuable services in the suppression of organized robbery, and the maintenance of military efficiency amongst his vassals and dependents, King WILLIAM granted him a charter, dated 22 March, 1209, of the lands of Airdmillan, in the shire of Ayr, which were then vested in the crown. He had at least two sons, namely,

FRANCIS, his successor.

Walter, present at the confirmation of the Kirk of Melville to the Monastery of Dunfermline, A.D. 1251, which circumstance is incidentally recorded in the cartulary of the monastery, and in Fordun's *Scotichronicon*.

Radulphus was *s.* by his eldest son,

FRANCIS THE ROSS DE RENFREW, who *m.* Agnes Maynors, whose father, Anchette de Maynors, witnessed a deed made by Wilhelmus de Vetere Ponte to the Abbey of Holyrood, of the lands of Carsebede, in the co. of Linlithgow, "pro salute Domini mei Regie Wilhelmi et Regine Emergardæ." Francis the Ross de Renfrew had the lands of Airdmillan confirmed to him by ALEXANDER II. at a convention held in Edinburgh, 16 Nov. 1215. He witnesses two deeds, which I have seen, that belonged to the Abbots of Paisley, and his name frequently occurs in the public records of the earlier portion of the 13th century. He had issue a son and successor,

FRANCIS THE ROSS DE RENFREW, who distinguished himself so highly, 8 July, 1245, in negotiating a treaty of peace between Engiaud and Scotland, that ALEXANDER II. rewarded him with a grant of lands in Annandale, called Boddesbeck, which grant was subsequently confirmed, 17 Aug. 1250, by King ALEXANDER III. By his wife Anobel, dau. of Dovenaldus, thane of Calder, he had, GILBERT, Hugh, Walter, and Harvey, the eldest of whom, it is believed, succeeded him at his death. His name was,

GILBERT THE ROSS DE RENFREW, who, with other Scottish noblemen and gentlemen, formed the suite of ALEXANDER III. at the ratification of the treaty of peace at Wark, between the Kings of England and Scotland, A.D. 1253. He *m.* 1st, Helen, dau. of the Earl of March, and sister to Agnes, wife of Sir William Keith, marshal of Scotland, by whom he had no issue; 2ndly, Margery, dau. of Hugh de Wemyss, by whom he had,

ALEXANDER, his successor.

Robert, William, Mary, who were present at their brother Alexander's marriage, 4 June, 1278.

Gilbert the Ross de Renfrew was *s.* by his eldest surviving son,

ALEXANDER THE ROSS DE RENFREW, whose bodily health and dexterity procured for him much celebrity, and the special favour of King ALEXANDER III. He *m.* Christina, dau. of the laird of Ballow, and by her had issue,

DUNCAN (Sir), his heir.

Murdoch, who acquired lands in Mearns, and was infert therein, 15 May, 1331. He *m.* Janet, dau. of the laird of Menzies, and by her had,

Robert, who witnesses the marriage contract of his cousin James with the laird of Freugh's daughter, 6 July, 1339.

Walter, who fell at the capture of Berwick Castle, under the Earls of March and Douglas, A.D. 1347.

Janet, wife of Murray of Tulibardine, who mortified a portion of his lands to the Abbey of Culross, 10 Dec. 1362, and was infert the year afterwards in lands called Blackmark, writbu [illegible].

Alexander the Ross de Renfrew lived to the age of 96 years, and died beloved and respected for his many acts of piety and charity. His eldest son and successor,

SIR DUNCAN THE ROSS DE RENFREW, attached himself to the fortunes of King DAVID BRUCE, who, in consideration of his fidelity and eminent military services, conferred on him



the honour of knighthood, 12 Oct. 1358. Sir Duncan *m.* Janet, dau. of the laird of Shinske, and by her appears to have had a numerous family. The eldest son,

JAMES THE ROSS DE RENFREW, gave in pure and perpetual alme to the monke of Paisley twenty merks of good and lawful money of the Kingrick of Scotland out of a part of his laude of Renfrew. He *m.* Isahel, dan. of Macdougall of Freugh, the marriage settlement being dated St. Bean's-day, 1362, and containing covenants of mutual support and assistance by and between the Renfrew and Freugh families, in cases of confiscation, which were then common. He left isene at his death, DUNCAN, John (Sir), Margaret, Agnee, Elizabeth, and Alice. The eldest son,

DUNCAN THE ROSS DE RENFREW, *m.* Mary, dan. of Sir Robert Stewart, of Durrisdeer, and by her had issue, Walter, Robert, James, and Elizabeth, who ell *d. s. p.* He appears, by the family pipers that I have seen, to have been present at a treaty of peace between England and Scotland in 1381, and to have died antecedently to 1418. He was *s.* by his brother,

SIR JOHN THE ROSS DE RENFREW, who was knighted 16 Oct. 1412, for his bravery at the battle of Harlaw, 23 June, 1409. He *m.* 1st, Margaret, dau. of Hugh, master of Kippo, by whom he had no isene; 2ndly, Janet (marriage covenants dated 4 July, 1408), dan. and heiress of Donald de Macknyghte (see the pedigree of MACKNYGHTE of Macknyghte), by Anne his wife, dan. and heiress of Sir Robert de Glendonyn (see the pedigree of GLENDONYN of Glendonyn). By that lady Sir John left two dane., viz.,

Anne, *m.* to John de Murdistone.

Margery, *m.* to Sir Roger de Coulthart, Knt., chief of his name, as previously recorded in the genealogy of COULTHART of Coulthart and Collyn.

*Arms*—Arg., a chevron chequy of three trackes, sa. and or, between three water-hougets, of the second.

*Crest*—A dexter arm in armour, ppr., garnished or, holding erect a water-houget, sa.

*Motto*—Aguscar eventu.

## MACKNYGHTE OF MACKNYGHTE.



This very ancient Scottish family appears, from various documents which I have seen, to have been seated on their laude of Macknyghte, in the Regality of Galloway, for a period of nearly three hundred years at the least, namely, from 25 Dec. 1114, when (according to the lesser Selkirk Chartulary) Uchtred was the feudal possessor, to 4 July, 1408, at which time Janet, the last solitary scion of the stock, plighted her troth at the altar, and gave her lands of Macknyghte as a marriage portion, to Sir John the Ross of Renfrew. By commencing my record at the former epoch, the instruments at my disposal clearly establish that the

UCHTRED DE MACKNYGHTE mentioned in the abbacy charter had a son and successor named

HUGO DE MACKNYGHTE, who was father of

FELIX, *alias* PHENWYCKE DE MACKNYGHTE, living *temp.* WILLIAM THE LION, he having obtained from that prince, in the 39th year of his reign, a charter of lands in Twyneham, in exchange for other lands situated in Kyrkandrewa. This possessor had three sons, UCHTRED, Fergus, and Stephen, the eldest of whom,

UCHTRED DE MACKNYGHTE, succeeded him at his death, and devised, 12 ALEXANDER II., a portion of the laude of Macknyghte, in pure and perpetual alme for the good of his soul, to the monks of Whithorn. Uchtred de Macknyghte was *s.* by his son,

HUGO DE MACKNYGHTE, so designated in a charter of lands, sans date, granted to Richard de Borguë; the said charter having had the enigmis-armorial of MACKNYGHTE of Macknyghte appended to the bottom, but which are now in so effaced a condition, that the charges borne can scarcely be deciphered. Hugo de Macknyghte was buried before the

high altar at the Monastery of Whithorn, and dying *s. p.*, was *s.* by his cousin,

WILLIAM DE MACKNYGHTE, 6th recorded possessor, son of Fergus de Drumore, by Richinda his wife, dan. of Harvey Cunningham, ancestor of the ennobled house of Glencairn. He *m.* Sarah Macdonald, 2nd dan. of Angus Oig Macdonald, of the Isles, whose eldest dau., Mora Macdonald, *m.* Farquhard, laird of Macintosh, father, by her, of Angus de Mackintosh, who *m.* A.D. 1291, Eva, only dan. and heiress of Gillpatrick Macdonald, chief of the CLAN CHATTAN. By the dan. of Angus Oig Macdonald, William de Macknyghte had three sons,

FEROUS, his heir.

Angus, who *m.* his kinewoman, Matilda, dan. of Stephen de Carrick, by his wife Alice, dan. of Macduff of that ilk.

Ninian, who was killed fighting valiantly under King ROBERT THE BRUCE, at the battle of Byland, near York, A.D. 1323.

William de Macknyghte was *s.* at his death by his eldest son,

FERGUS DE MACKNYGHTE, who was twice married; 1st, to Margaret, dan. of Malduin de Macfarlane, who *d. s. p. circa* 1315; 2ndly, to Helen, dan. of Murdock de Kelso, and by her had a son, who *s.* him at his death, named

FERGUS DE MACKNYGHTE, 8th recorded possessor, who, by his wife Elizabeth, dan. of Gilbert Wedderburn, had isene, John, William, ADAM, Helen, and Anne, all of whom, except Adam, *d. unm.* By one of the chartulary volumes of the Priory of Whithorn, this Fergus de Macknyghte clearly appears to have been a generous contributor to that religious brotherhood, for by a deed of mortification dated Martinmas 1364, he bestowe on the order for all time coming, there located, one-twentieth portion of his laude of Macknyghte and Drumore, on condition that weekly intercession should be perpetually made for the salvation of his soul and that of his dear wife Elizabeth. Fergus de Macknyghte *d.* 20 Oct. 1371, and was *s.* by his only son,

ADAM DE MACKNYGHTE, who, by Mary his wife, dan. of Adam Gordon, had (with several *d. ns.*) a son and successor,

DONALD DE MACKNYGHTE, *m.* 14 April, 1386, to Anne, dau. and heiress of Sir Robert de Glendonyn (see the pedigree of GLENDONYN of Glendonyn), and by her had isene an only dan.,

JANET DE MACKNYGHTE, who *m.* 4 July, 1408, Sir John the Ross of Renfrew, Knt., as previously mentioned in the genealogy of ROSS of Renfrew.

*Arms*—Sa., an inescutcheon, chequy, arg. and or, between three lions' heads, erased, of the second.

*Crest*—A demi-lion, rampant, arg.

*Motto*—Omnia fortunæ committo.

## GLENDONYN OF GLENDONYN.



THE territorial possessions of this family were situated in the shire of Ayr, near the sea coast; but though I have not been able to discover in the muniment-room any document showing the extent of the property, or its exact locality, yet the high alliances formed by many of the GLENDONYNs of *Glendonyn* sufficiently attest their rank and importance. The first inheritor on record, that I can find, or that appears to have been found by Mr. Cheyne, or any other annalist of the family, is

ROBERT DE GLENDONYN, who obtained a confirmation-grant of the lands of Glendonyn, in the shire of Ayr, from ALEXANDER III., partly as a reward for his military services at the battle of Largs, in the shire of Cunningham, when Haco, king of Norway, was overthrown, 15 Aug. 1263. At his death he left a son,

RADULPHUS DE GLENDONYN, who appears to have had a son engaged in the military service of his country, and who s. him at his death. His name was

ALEXANDER DE GLENDONYN, whose satisfactory adjustment of a difficult diplomatic negotiation between ROBERT THE BRUCE, of Scotland, and EDWARD II. of England, subsequent to the battle of Bannockburn, procured for him a grant of the lands of Strathmore, in the district of Kyle, with a corn-mill thereon, which, with the occasion of the grant, is fully recited in the charter of conveyance, dated 14 Sept. 1315. He had by his wife Janet, dau. of Hugh de Berkeley, of Mathers, several children, the eldest of whom,

ALEXANDER DE GLENDONYN, was his heir, and m. Catharine, dau. of Sir Alexander Ramsay, of Dalhousie, ancestor of the earls of that name, by whom he had a son and successor,

SIR ROBERT DE GLENDONYN, who was knighted by ROBERT II., on the 20th day of March, in the 2nd year of his reign. He m. Margaret, dau. of Robert de Meignes, by whom he left an only dau.,

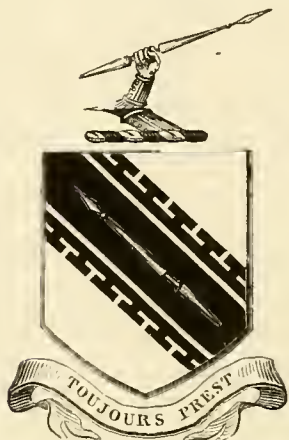
ANNE DE GLENDONYN, who m. (settlement dated 14 April, 1386) Donald de Macknyghte, as previously recorded in the pedigree of MACKNYGTE of *Macknyghte*.

*Arms*—Quarterly, arg. and sa., a cross parted per cross ingrailed, and counterchanged.

*Crest*—Two arms, dexter and sinister, erect and embowed in armour, ppr., grasping a cross crosslet fitchée, or.

*Motto*—In cruce glorior.

## CARMICHAEL OF CARSPHERNE.



AFTER a careful examination of all documents affecting this family, in the possession of the existing representative of the COULTHARTs of *Coulthart and Collin*, and after an attentive collation of the original instruments with the

memoranda left by the late Alexander Cheyne, Esq., B.A., I am satisfied that the CARMICHAELS of *Carsperne* were never very prominently distinguished during the period of which I treat in either the battle-field or senate, but, with very little exception, were quietly engaged in the honourable profession of agriculture. The first proprietor on record that can be traced is

HECTOR DE CARMICHAEL, of Carsperne, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, whose name occurs in a grant of certain lands to Jorvorth de Boyce, called "Craighead," which grant is dated 15 May, 7 DAVID I., but the identity of the property cannot now be determined. This Hector, by his wife Eve, dau. of the laird of Baldrone, had issue a son, named after himself,

HECTOR DE CARMICHAEL, who confirmed the grant of lands to Jorvorth de Boyce, and was s. at his death by his son, .

DAVID DE CARMICHAEL, who seems to have been largely engaged in fisheries on the coast of Ayr, and to have given to one Duffus sixteen marks for repairing sundry boats employed in the enterprise, 35th WILLIAM THE LION. His successor was his son,

HECTOR DE CARMICHAEL, who was father of WALTER, Robert, David, and William. The eldest son s. him as

WALTER DE CARMICHAEL, and left at his death, by the laird of Houston's daughter, DAVID, James, Hector, Margaret, and Helen; his successor in the family possessions being his son,

DAVID DE CARMICHAEL, the 6th recorded proprietor, whose



eldest son, Robert, by his 1st wife, Maud, dau. of the laird of Cromby, was killed *unm.* at the battle of Inverary, near Aberdeen, whilst fighting under King ROBERT THE BRUCE, against King EDWARD II. and the Comyn party. By his 2nd wife, Margaret, dau. of Sir James Douglas, he left HECTOR and WALTER, both of whom in succession ultimately *s.* to the family representation.

HECTOR DE CARMICHAEL *m.* Agnes, dau. of the laird of Heirriggs, and by her had, Maud, Margaret, Agnes, and Helen, who all *d. s. p.*, when the family succession devolved upon his brother,

WALTER DE CARMICHAEL, who, by his wife Helen, dau. of Sir John Stewart, of Dalswinton, had issue,

JAMES (Sir), his heir.

William, *m.* Anns, sister of the Rev. Canon Lawson, of St. Giles's Church, Edinburgh.

Maud, *m.* the laird of Hepburn.

Alice, *m.* Sir Richard Keith, ancestor of the Earl Marischal.

Walter de Carmichael lived to the age of 98 years, and at his death was *s.* by his eldest son,

SIR JAMES CARMICHAEL, designated "of Carsperne," in a widsset or mortgage bearing date Martinmas, 1379. Sir James was a man of distinguished military skill and

bravery; and with other marks of royal favour, received from King ROBERT II. the honour of knighthood, for the courage and intrepidity he displayed at the battle of Otterburn, 5 Aug. 1388. He *m.* Rachel, dau. of Ramsay of Dalhousie, and by her left at his death, in 1417,

SIR RICHARD CARMICHAEL, of Carsperne, the 10th and last recorded heir-male possessor, who *m.* (covenants dated Easter Munday, A.D. 1419) Anne, dau. of Sir David Chancellor, of Quodquam, but dying in 1443, was *s.* in his estates by his two daus., namely,

ANNE, *m.* (settlements executed on St. Oswald's-day, 1447) Sir Roger de Coulthart, Knt., chief of the name, as previously recorded in the genealogy of COULTHART of Coulthart and Collyn.

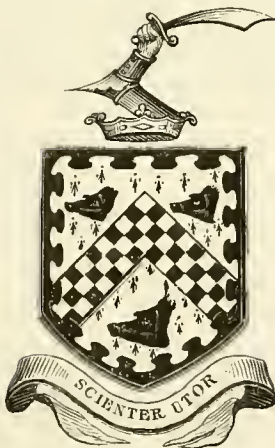
RACHEL, *m.* in 1446, Gilbert Douglas, son of Sir James Douglas, of Loudon, paternal ancestor of the Earls of Morton.

*Arms*—Arg., a bend cotised, potentés, *sa.*, charged with a tilting-spear, of the first.

*Crest*—A dexter hand and arm in armour, brandishing a tilting-spear, *ppr.*

*Motto*—Toujours prest.

## FORBES OF PITSCOTTIE.



It clearly appears from the deeds and other documents which I have seen in the possession of the present representative of the COULTHARTS of Coulthart and Collyn, that the FORBES of Pitscottie were related by birth to the FORBES of Aberdeenshire, from whom are descended the Lords Forbes, premier barons in the peerage of Scotland. It also appears from the same source that the FORBES of Pitscottie had at one time large territorial possessions in the shires of Ayr, Lanark, and Renfrew; and that on the failure of male heirs, 11 April, 1575, when the family representation merged into that of COULTHART of Coulthart and Largmore, the estates which passed with the heiress were both numerous and valuable. The lineage of this family is traceable to a very high antiquity, but the first progenitor in a connected line whom I have been able to establish satisfactorily is

DAVID DE FORBES (brother of a Fergus de Forbes), who had for wife a dau. of Roderic de Drummond, ancestor of the Earls of Perth, and whose name occurs in a charter of the lands of Woodhouselee, in the barony of Ailsa, co. Ayr, dated 10 July, 1226. By his said wife, David de Forbes had a son and heir,

MALCOLM DE FORBES, 2nd recorded possessor, who obtained a confirmation of the lands of Woodhouselee, and also a renewed royal grant of those of Pitscottie, for himself, his

wife Margaret, dau. of Maldwin, 3rd Earl of Lennox, and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten. He left at his death a son,

JOHN DE FORBES, who witnessed a grant of lands to the Monastery of Paisley, 18 April, 1276, and by his wife Helen, dau. of Sir Patrick Lindsay, had issue,

MALCOLM (Sir), his heir.

John, who was killed at the battle of Falkirk, 22 July, 1298, fighting under the heroic Wallace.

David, who was one of those that defended the Castle of Stirling, in 1304, against King EDWARD I.

John de Forbes was *s.* at his death by his eldest son,

SIR MALCOLM DE FORBES, Knt., who *m.* (covenants dated Lammas-day, 1306), Elizabeth, dau. of the laird of Marr, by whom he left a son and heir,

MALCOLM BEG DE FORBES, who witnessed a grant of lands to the Monastery of Arbroath, and who, being remarkably low of stature, had, what was common in those times, the Gaelic affix of *Beg*, or "short," attached to his name. He *m.* Janet, dau. of Sir John Monteith, and left by her, Donald, Duncan, William, Alexander, Margaret, and Janet, who are all mentioned in a grant of lands to the Monastery of Paisley. His eldest son,

DONALD DE FORBES, was the 6th recorded possessor, and obtained a confirmation-charter of the lands of Forbes and Woodhouselee, 3 ROBERT II. He *m.* Margery, dau. of Sir William Edgar, of Hughtyre, and had issue by her,

DUNCAN (Sir), his heir.

William, a naval officer.

Malcolm, *m.* Anns, dau. of the laird of Wemyss.

Jaue, *m.* William de Crighton.

Mary, *m.* Roger de Crawford.

Donald de Forbes *d.* 14 Feb. 1392, and his remains were interred within the Monastery of Paisley, whose revenues he materially augmented shortly before his demise. His successor was his eldest son,

SIR DUNCAN DE FORBES, whose life was wholly spent in the military service of his country; and having in an eminent degree distinguished himself at the battle of Nisbet, in the Merse, 7 May, 1402, had the honour of knighthood conferred immediately afterwards by ROBERT III. He *m.* 1st, Cecilia, dau. of the laird of Perthwick, by whom he had issue,

Janet, *m.* to John de St. John, in Galloway.

Anne, *m.* to William de Ruthwyn.

Margery, *m.* to Sir Archibald de Fullerton.

Sir Duncan *m.* 2ndly, Agnes, dau. of Allan de Dalzell, by whom he had issue,

DONALD, his heir.

David, killed at the battle of Harlaw.

Jane, *m.* to Sir Robert Duulop.  
Margaret, *m.* to the laird of Ogilvie.

Sir Duncan de Forbes *d.* of a sword-wound received in a personal encounter with Robert de Cuil, when the family succession devolved upon his only surviving son,

DONALD DE FORBES, 8th recorded possessor, who *m.* Margaret, dau. of Sir Peter Hepburn, of Hales, and by her had issue,

DONALD, his heir.

Alexander, who devoted himself to literary pursuits, and ultimately became one of the monks of Paisley, at which place he died, 12 Oct. 1494, his body being interred contiguous to the high altar.

Helen, *m.* to John de Meldrum.

Alice, *m.* to William, Master of Hardland.

Janet, *m.* to John Fochabers.

Anne, who *d. unm.*

Donald de Forbes *d.* subsequently to 1482, and was *s.* by his son,

DONALD DE FORBES, who mortified a portion of the lands of Woodhouselee to the monks of Paisley, 25 JAMES III., and fought at the battle of Sauchyburn, 11 June, 1488, where he received a wound from a lance that ever afterwards deprived him of the use of his right arm. He obtained charters of the lands of Mitherburn, Woodford, and Gleutyre, dated 7 Oct. 1489, and of the barony of Richmore, dated 10 March, 1491. He *m.* 1st, Euphemé, dau. of Richard de Logie, and by her had two daus., namely, Cecilia, *m.* to Alexander de Morton, and Helen, *m.* to Walter de Mountford. Donald de Forbes *m.* 2ndly, Dame Margery Campbell, relict of Sir John Campbell, of Calderwood, by whom he had issue,

DAVID, his heir.

Alexander, designated "of Tullymuch," in a lease to one William Laidlaw, of Bennorton.

Margaret, *m.* to the laird of Belldownie.

Mr. Forbes *d.* on the festival day of St. Barnabas, 1518, and was *s.* by his son,

DAVID FORBES, who obtained a confirmation-grant of the lands of Pitscottie and Woodhouselee, 5 JAMES V. He *m.* Dame Jean Kirkwood, relict of Sir Robert Kirkwood, of Fachoan, and by her left at his death,

JOHN, his heir.

Richard, in holy orders.

James, purchased the lauds of Pannire, and was iusft therein, 21 March, 1513. He *m.* Elizabeth, dau. of the Master of Blairgour.

Catherine, *m.* William Scudamore.

Margaret, Mary, and Hannah, are also mentioned in a lease.

The eldest son,

JOHN FORBES, of Pitscottie, *m.* Janet, dau. of William Loudon, of Norton, and by her had,

Johu, who fell at the disastrous battle of Pinkie, 10 Sept. 1547, without leaving issue.

Robert, who *s.* to the estates and representation of the family.

Helen, *m.* to Adam Gordon, of Kyle.

Anne, *m.* to John Belfour, of Caersluth.

Janet, Agnes, and Catherine, present at their brother Robert's marriage.

At Mr. Forbes' death, he was *s.* by his only surviving son,

ROBERT FORBES, of Pitscottie, who *m.* (covenants dated 16 Aug. 1530) Jean, dau. of Niell Macniell, of Gigha, chief of the CLAN MACNIELL. By that lady he had issue,

JOHN, of whom presently.

Robert, *m.* Isabel, dau. of Sir William Leslie, 4th Baron of Balquhain, and *d. s. p.* 18 June, 1571.

Mr. Forbes' will is dated 24 Nov. 1572, and dying soon afterwards, was *s.* by his only surviving son,

JOHN FORBES, of Pitscottie, the 13th and last recorded heir-male possessor. He *m.* Helen, dau. of Archibald Alison, of Emecross, and by her left issue two daus., on whom the heritable and other property devolved, namely,

HELEN, who *m.* 11 April, 1575 (as the marriage settlements testify), Johu Coulthart, of Coulthart and Largmore, chief of the name, as previously recorded in the pedigree of COULTHART of Coulthart and Collyn.

MARGARET, who *m.* Richard Johnstone, of Johnstone, in Annandale.

*Arms*—Erm., a chevron, chequy, arg. and sa., between three boar's heads, coupéd, of the last, muzzled, gu., within a bordure nebulée, of the third.

*Crest*—Out of a ducal coronet, or, a dexter arm in armour, holding a scimitar, ppr.

*Motto*—Scienter utor.

## MACKENZIE OF CRAIG HALL.



ACCORDING to the family evidences, the Craig Hall Mackenzies were scions of the same parent stock with the extinct house of FITZGERALD, Earls of Desmond, and were seated on their patrimonial possessions in the district of Kyle, on the south-west frontier of Scotland, from a very early period of our national history. Their relationship to the Fitzgeralds alluded to, and ownership of the lands of

Craig about the year of our Lord 1150, are both established by a deed that I have seen in the Coulthart collection, sans date, but which, from the clography and other peculiarities, could not have been executed subsequently to the 12th century, wherein it appears that one Davidis Mackenzie borrowed from his blood-relation John, lord of Ducies and Desmonde, 200 marks, to assist in fortifying Craig Castle against the piratical freebooters of those times. In the chartulary of the Monastery of Paisley, their names occur twice, firstly, in 1214, where

JAMES MACKENZIE, of the Craig, and his wife Catherine, dau. of Lamington of that ilk, execute a mortification-deed of the lands of Bulmedow (which passed as dower with the said Catherine) to that religious body, for the salvation of the donors' souls and the souls of all their children; secondly, in 1261, where

GILBERT MACKENZIE, of the Craig, son and heir of the above-named James Mackenzie and his wife Catherine, stands an attesting witness to a donative grant of certain forest lauds by Johu Hamilton, ancestor of the Earls of Arran, to the use, in all time coming, of the Paisley monastic brotherhood. Gilbert Mackenzie had by his wife Euphemie, dau. of the laird of Cluny, a son and successor,

ARCHIBALD MACKENZIE, of Craig Hall, who liquidated a wadset of 500 merks at Martinmas, 1309, which he had contracted eight years previously with Sir James Belfour, of Benriddiek. Fifty-four years afterwards I find a charter from King DAVID II. confirming the lands of Craig Hall to his son,



ADAM MACKENZIE, of Craig Hall, and his wife Agnes, dau. of Hugh de Glendower, and all children of him the said Adam Mackenzie lawfully begotten, whether by the said Agnes or otherwise, on condition that the confirmee and all successive possessors of the lauds of Craig Hall should, whenever so required, furnish and every way support a warrior and war-horse fully equipped and trained for the military service of Scotland, and the defence and maintenance of the royal prerogatives of the said DAVID II. and his successors. Mr. Adam Mackenzie's 1st wife *d. s. p.* 24 Nov. 1376; and by his 2nd consort, Janet, dau. of William de Rockcliffe, he left a son and heir,

WILLIAM MACKENZIE, 5th consecutively recorded possessor of Craig Hall, who, by his wife Helen, dau. of the laird of Blackstock, and relict of Hugh St. John Wharton, was father of

ROBERT (Sir), his heir.

William, ancestor of the Earls of Cromarty.

Adam, mentioned in a retour.

John, an exceedingly learned and pious man, who, as one of the monks of Paisley, assisted greatly in writing that unique chronicle of Scottish affairs now in the British Museum, familiarly known as the *Black Book of Paisley*.

On the death of William Mackenzie, 2 July, 1438, he was *s.* in his family estates by his eldest son,

SIR ROBERT MACKENZIE, of Craig Hall, knighted by King JAMES II., but the family MSS. do not enable me to record the date or the cause of the honour being conferred. He *m.* Alice, dau. of Sir George Haliburton, and by her left at his death, ADAM (his heir), Robert, Gilbert, William, Agnes, Margaret, and Alice, all mentioned in his last will and testament, dated 10 April, 1474. His eldest son,

ADAM MACKENZIE, of Craig Hall, was a party to signing a brief of inquest dated 18 July, 1481, and was engaged during the two succeeding years in repairing and enlarging Craig Hall Castle, the initials of his name and the arms of his family being sculptured on stone, and existing over the principal entrance of the edifice, *A.D.* 1651. By his wife Janet, dau. of Andrew Boyd, of that ilk, and widow of David Campbell, of Skirringtoun, he had issue,

ROBERT, his heir.

Gilbert, killed at Carrickfergus, *A.D.* 1512, whilst discharging his duties as a naval officer under the Earl of Arran.

Walter, who fell at Flodden, 9 Sept. 1513.

Arthur, who obtained a charter of the lands of Cleuch from JAMES IV., and *m.* Janet Boswell, dau. of the laird of Auchinleck.

Margaret, *m.* to Robert Carr, of Drumrotchel, in the Stewartry of Amandale.

Jean, *m.* to Donald Campbell, son of Sir Colin Campbell, of Glenorchy, ancestor of the Earls of Breadalbane.

Adam Mackenzie *d.* on the 24 Jan. 1517, and was interred in the Abbey Church of Paisley. His successor was his son,

ROBERT MACKENZIE, of Craig Hall, who bad from James, 1st Earl of Arran, a charter dated 16 Nov. 1504, conveying to him and his heirs the lands of Cleuchbrae, with the pertinents thereto belonging, situated in co. Lanark, on condition of paying a merk of silver, at the manor-house of Cadyow, on Martinmas-day, yearly. He *m.* (covenantants dated 7 Oct. 1502), Margaret, dau. of Andrew Anstruther, of that ilk, and by her left issue at his death a son and heir, named after himself,

ROBERT MACKENZIE, of Craig Hall, who obtained a charter under the great seal, conjointly with his wife Jean Spence,

dau. of the laird of Wolmerstone, and their heirs, of the lands of Balmeadow previously mentioned, which had been illegally alienated from the family for upwards of a century. By his said wife Jean, he had issue,

ADAM, his heir.

AGNES, *m.* to Andrew Chalmer, of Nether Burntsheil, son of Robert Chalmer, of Galdgirth, by Margaret his wife, dau. of Sir Hugh Campbell, of Loudoun.

Mr. Robert Mackenzie died from the effects of a fall from his horse, 12 Nov. 1548, leaving his only son a minor in the 20th year of his age. The son,

ADAM MACKENZIE, after attaining his majority, was served and returned heir to his father, 30 June, 1550, and marrying in 1553, Anne Stewart, dau. of the laird of Phisgall, was father of

RICHARD, his heir.

Anne, *m.* 26 July, 1581, to Gavin Hamilton, who was consecrated bishop of Galloway, 20 Oct. 1610. This learned and excellent prelate had, by the favour of JAMES VI., the revenues belonging to Dundrennan, Tongland, Glenluce, and Whithorn, annexed to his bishopric, together with the tithes and patronage of twenty-two parishes, which rendered Galloway the most richly endowed see in Scotland, and only slightly inferior in that respect to the archbishoprics of St. Andrew's and Glasgow. Bishop Hamilton *d.* 18 May, 1614, leaving, by Anne Mackenzie his wife, two sons, namely, Adam and Gavin, and a dau.,

Anne, who *m.* 4 July, 1610, the Right Rev. John Campbell, who was consecrated bishop of Argyle 1 June, 1608, and *d.* 20 Dec. 1612.

Margaret, *m.* 10 June, 1613, the Rev. Robert Glendinning, minister of the parish of Kirkcudbright, whose uncompromising opposition to his diocesan, Bishop Sydeserf, excited much notice in Scotland at the time, and ultimately led to his being deprived of his living, in 1634, by the Galloway Diocesan Court, on the ground of contumacious adherence to presbyterian forms.

Mary, *d. unm.* at Craighall Castle, 12 Jan. 1618.

The son,

RICHARD MACKENZIE, of Craig Hall, *s.* his father Adam at his death, 29 May, 1596, and after retour was legally served heir 15 Nov. 1596. He *m.* Jane, dau. of John Hamilton, of Orbiestone, the nuptial settlements being dated 24 Dec. 1594. Mr. Richard Mackenzie's last will and testament is dated 20 Nov. 1620, being just one week prior to his decease. He left no sons, and his two daus. were served heiresses-portionary to their father in the lands of Craig Hall and Balmeadow, 12 Feb. 1621. Their names were,

MARY MACKENZIE, of Craig Hall, *b.* 4 March, 1603; *m.* 10 June, 1624, William Coulthart, of Coulthart, in the co. of Wigtown, and of Largmore, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, chief of the name Coulthart, as previously noticed in the genealogy of COULTHART of Coulthart and Collyn.

JANE MACKENZIE, of Craig Hall, *m.* *A.D.* 1623, Sir John Vans, of Barnbarroch, a privy councillor to JAMES VI. of Scotland.

*Arms*—Quarterly, 1st and 4th, az., a stag's head, cabossed, or; 2nd and 3rd, arg., three human legs, armed ppr., united in the centre at the upper part of the thigh, triangularly flexed, garnished, and spurred, of the second; in chief, an ecutcheon, erm., charged with a stag's head, cabossed, sa., within a bordure, palletée, of the third.

*Crest*—A demi-savage, wreathed about the head and loins with laurel, holding in the dexter hand, on his shoulder, a club, all ppr.

*Motto*—Virtute et valore.



## GORDON OF SORBIE.



THE ancient charters and title-deeds relating to this family, which I have seen, satisfactorily establish its existence in Galloway at a period anterior to the 13th century; and though not perhaps pre-eminently distinguished in the camp or cabinet, yet on many occasions it rendered important services to the realm of Scotland. The name GORDON is derived by some etymologists from a city of Macedonia called Gordonia, whilst others ascribe it to Gordon-manor, in Normandy, from whence the original stock is believed to have emigrated. Whatever credit may be attached, however, to the hypothetical opinions propounded by etymologists and genealogists as to the origin of the founders of the name in Scotland, I have clearly ascertained by documentary evidence that the GORDONS of *Sorbie* are a branch of the GORDONS of *Berwickshire*, and that the name of the common ancestor was

WILLIAM DE GORDON, who enjoyed large territorial possessions on the south-eastern coast of North Britain, now known as *Berwickshire*, and who was living in the reign of ALEXANDER I., he having obtained from that prince permission to build an additional aisle or chapel to the Abbey of Kelso. He left at his death three sons, viz.,

Richard, ancestor of the extinct ducal house of Gordon, who granted to the monks of Kelso some land at Gordon, near the Cemetery, a right of pasturage at Ensie, an acre of ground at Todlaw, and an acre of meadow in Huntley-Struther, all between 1150 and 1160.

Adam, who enjoyed part of the territorial property of Gordon, and also the lands of Fawnys, adjoining thereto on the south.

Kenneth, who obtained from DAVID I. a charter of the lands of Sorbie, in the district of Machers, co. Wigton, forming a large portion of the western coast of Wigton Bay, in exchange for his third share of the territory of Gordon, co. Berwick.

The above 3rd son of William de Gordon thus became the founder of the GORDONS of *Sorbie*, under the name or style of

KENNETH DE GORNON, of Sorbie, who, by his wife Marcell, left at his death a son and heir,

JORWORTH DE GORDON, of Sorbie, nicknamed *Longfoot*, father, by his wife Grizelda, of a son and successor,

KENNETH DE GORNON, of Sorbie, who was accidentally killed by falling over a precipice on the sea-shore opposite Candida Casa, leaving by his wife Margaretta, dau. of the laird of Knock, a son named

BIDDOLPH DE GORDON, of Sorbie, who *m.* in 1288, Martha, dau. of Foulis of Foulis, and by her had, MARCUS, Kenneth, and Thomas. The eldest son's name was

MARCUS GORNON, of Sorbie, whose bravery at the battle of Bannockburn, 24 June, 1314, though only in his 24th year,

procured for him a grant of the lands of Mountragget, and the personal thanks of ROBERT THE BRUCE. He *m.* Janet, dau. of Ivor of Ivor, and by her had (with other children),

ADAM GORDON, of Sorbie, who, by his wife Elizabeth Myres, dau. of the laird of Benmore, left issue,

WALTER GORDON, of Sorbie, a poet and chronicler, who, by his wife Millicent, dau. of Sir William Knatchley, had issue, JAMES, Robert, and Elizabeth. The eldest son,

JAMES GORDON, of Sorbie, *s.* to the family estates on the death of his father, 10 Nov. 1415, and *m.* 12 July, 1406, Rachel, dau. of Thomas Alutravers, of Balgoram, by whom he had,

ROBERT, his heir.

William, who acquired the lands of Limehill, co. Dumharton.

David, ancestor of the GORDONS of *Dunbiggin*.

Elizabeth, *m.* to Colonel Cavendish.

Margaret, *m.* to George Dirom, of Caerlome.

Janet, *m.* to MacLachlan of Drumore.

The eldest son,

ROBERT GORDON, of Sorbie, materially augmented the size of the family mansion-house in 1438-9, and in 1452 purchased the adjoining lands of Clonardy, by which he considerably increased the number of his tenants and retainers. At the battle of Brechin, he fought with distinguished bravery, under the command of his kinsman, Alexander Gordon. He *m.* (covenants dated 23 Nov. 1434) Beatrix, dau. of Adam Muirhede, of Lowchope, and by his last will and testament, which bears date 5 Dec. 1471, it appears that he had then living by her two sons and three daus., namely,

ROBERT, who *s.* to the heritable property.

Adam, designated "of Lochhead," to whom he bequeathed a legacy of 500 merks.

Margaret, the wife of the laird of Glenhervie; Isobel, the wife of Walter Menzies, of Rora; Elizabeth, the wife of John Hamilton, of Crowland; to whom he left 100 merks each for their own separate use. In respect of Beatrix, another dau. who had died in his lifetime, leaving by her husband, Robert Livingstone, of [illegible], five young children, viz., Robert, John, Janet, Margaret, and Helen, he left 100 merks, payable in equal proportions to each of them as attained the age of 25 years.

The eldest son,

ROBERT GORDON, of Sorbie, was retoured and served heir to his father, 2 May, 1478, and by his wife Helen, dau. of Allan Dundas, of Blairacre, had issue,

Robert, who devoted himself to the profession of arms, contrary to his father's wishes, and was killed at Flodden.

ALLAN, the heir.

Helen, *m.* to William Findlater.

Margaret, *m.* to Walter Pitcairn, of Auchtertyre.

Janet, *m.* to Richard Scott, of Horsleyhill.

In a lease dated 17 March, 1523, I find the only son designated

ALLAN GORDON, of Sorbie, by which it would appear that his father was dead; and by various MSS. which I have seen, dated in 1536, it is established that a boundary wall between him and his neighbour, Robert Hunter, of Craigmoye, was rebuilt in that year, at their joint expense. By his wife, Anne Pringle, dau. of the laird of Pelnuir, he left at his death, ROBERT (his heir), William, John, Alice, and Jean. The eldest son,

ROBERT GORDON, of Sorbie, purchased, 1 Aug. 1552, the lands of Carsmains, in the Stewartry of Annandale, which were subject to a military tenure of ward and relief. By his wife Mary, dau. of John Foreythe, of Lochmaben, he had,

JOHN, his heir.

Allan, designated of the forty-shilling land of Portrack.

Robert, witnesses the marriage of his brother John.

Mary, } also present at their brother John's marriage.  
Blanche, }

Mr. Robert Gordon *d.* subsequently to 1566, as on the 14th of December in that year he was present at the christening of his grandson Richard. His son and successor,

JOHN GORDON, of Sorbie, *m.* (settlements dated 10 Feb. 1564) Mary, dau. of John Learmouth, of Pitcleuch, and by her had (with other children) a son, who *s.* him at his death, 17 Oct. 1601. His name was,

RICHARD GORDON, of Sorbie, a man who appears, from sundry papers which I have seen, to have been much esteemed for his learning and piety. He obtained a charter of the lauds of Blackmark, in Annandale, A.D. 1624, and in 1631, had a law-suit with William Boswell, of Auchenphad, in the Court of Session, Edinburgh, respecting a feu contract. By his wife Mary (who survived him, and *m.* 2ndly, Robert Frazer, of that ilk), dau. of Sir John Riddell, he had issue, John, WILLIAM, Mary, Helen, and Margaret, who all predeceased him, without leaving issue, except his youngest son and successor,

WILLIAM GORDON, of Sorbie, Esq., the last heir-male, who *m.* (covenants dated 26 June, 1674) Dame Anne O'Donogh, relict of Sir Florence O'Dough, and by her had issue an only dau.,

JEAN GORDON, heiress and last of the house of GORDON of Sorbie, *b.* 18 Aug. 1675; *m.* 15 Nov. 1698, Richard Coulthart, of Coulthart and Largmore, chief of the name, as previously recorded in the lineage of COULTHART of Coulthart and Collyn.

*Arms*—Erm., a fesse, sa., charged with a spear, arg., the point to the dexter side, between three boars' heads, erect and erased, of the second.

*Crest*—Out of a mural crown, a hoar's head, as in the arms, all ppr.

*Motto*—Forward and fear not.

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### COMPILER'S ATTESTATION.

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BESIDES the eight Pedigrees which I have adduced in the foregoing pages, the historical records of the COULTHART family contain information sufficient to enable me to compile several others; but the preceding being all that are necessary to illustrate the alliances of the COULTHARTS with heiresses, the task with which I originally charged myself has been accomplished, and in testimony of the accuracy and fidelity with which I have endeavoured to execute the undertaking, I hereunto subscribe my name, this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, in the presence of the Right Reverend James Prince, Lord Bishop of Manchester, and of the Reverend Thomas Rothwell Bently, M.A., of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and Incumbent of Saint Matthew's, Manchester.

As witnessed by us,

J. P. MANCHESTER.

THOMAS ROTHWELL BENTLY.

GEO. P. KNOWLES,

*Genealogist and Heraldic Artist, Manchester.*





CARTÆ, or CHARTERS, granted at different times by Kings of Scotland to the COULTHART Family; now in the possession of John Ross Coulthart, of Coulthart, co. Wigtoun, Collyn, co. Dumfries, and Croft House, Ashton-under-Lyne, co. Lancaster.

*Transcribed into unabbreviated Latin, 14 August, 1855, by the REVEREND EDWARD GRESWELL, B.D.,  
Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford.*

Carta Johannis de Coultharto et Elizabethæ sponse  
sue.

ROBERTUS, etc. Sciatis nos dedisse, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse, Johanni de Coulthart militi, et Elizabethæ secundæ sponse suæ, pro homagio et servicio suo, totam baroniæ de Qulithurn, infra dominium de Galwydia, cum pertinenciis. Tenendum et habendum dictis Johanni et Elizabethæ sponse suæ, et eorum alteri diutius viventi, eorumque heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis, De nobis et heredibus nostris, in feodo et hereditate, per omnes rectas metas et divisas suas, libero, quiete, plenarie, et honorifice, cum omnibus libertatibus, commoditatibus, aysiamenis, et justis pertinenciis suis, faciente inde nobis et heredibus nostris dicto Johanne et Elizabetha, eorumque heredibus supradictis, servicium debitum et consuatum. Si vero dicti Johannes et Elizabetha moriantur nullo herede relicto superstite, inter ipsos, ut dictum est, procreatorum, volumus ut dicta baronia cum pertinenciis ad propinquiores heredes dicti Johannis jure hereditario devolvatur. In cuius rei, etc.

Carta Willielmo de Coulthart.

DAVIN, Dei gratia rex Scottorum, omnibus, etc. Sciatis nos dedisse, etc., Willielmo de Coulthart, gentis nominisque sui facile primario, omnes terras baroniæ de Coulthart, cum pertinenciis, infra dominium Wygtoun, quas quidem terras cum pertinenciis idem Willielmus non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapsus, sed mera et spontanea voluntate sua, uobis sursum reddidit et resignavit. Tenendum et habendum eidem Willielmo et heredibus suis masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis: quibus forte deficientibus, Duncan-Francisco, et Christianæ sponse suæ, sorori prædicti Willielmi, et eorum diutius viventi, et heredibus masculis de eorum corporibus legitime procreatis: et ipsis deficientibus, heredibus dicti Willielmi linealiter descendentibus: In feodo et libitate, cum omnibus antiquis libertatibus, commoditatibus, aysiamenis, etc., quibus dictus Willielmus et sui autecossors, ante resignationem dictarum terrarum, dictas terras cum pertinenciis de nobis tenuerunt vel possederunt, faciundo de dictis terris servicia debita et consueta.

In cuius rei, etc. Testibus, etc., apud Aberdeum, xxviij<sup>o</sup> die Januarii, anno regni nostri xxxij<sup>o</sup>.

ROBERTUS, Dei gratia rex Scottorum, omnibus probis hominibus totius terræ suæ, clericis et laicis, salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse, concessisse, et hac præsentī carta nostra confirmasse, Andræ de Coulthart, gentis nominisque sui facile primario, totam illam terram de Largmore cum pertinenciis in tenemento de Fertenyot infra dominium de Galweia, quæ fuit Willielmi filii Thomæ, et quam idem Willielmus, non vi aut metu ductus, nec errore lapsus, sed mera et spontanea voluntate sua, nobis per fustim et baculum sursum reddidit, et pure et simpliciter resignavit, ac totum jus et clameum quod in dicta terra habuit, vel habere potuit in futurum, pro se et heredibus suis omnibus, quitclamavit in perpetuum. Teneudum et habendum eidem Andræ et

Margaretæ sponse suæ, et heredibus inter ipsos procreatis seu procreandis, et ipsis forte deficientibus, heredibus ejusdem Andræ legitimis quibuscunque, De nobis et heredibus nostris, in feodo et hereditate, per omnes rectas metas et divisas suas, libere, quiete, plenarie, et honorifice, cum omnibus libertatibus, commoditatibus, aysiamenis, et justis pertinenciis quibuscunque, ad dictam terram spectantibus, seu juste spectare valentibus in futurum, reddente annuatim nobis et heredibus nostris præfati Andræ et Marguæ sponse suæ, et heredibus suis prædictis, et ipsis forte deficientibus heredibus præfati Andræ veris et legitimis, duas marcas argenti ad terminos usuales, apud villam Sancti Johannis de Wygtoun, et faciente decimam partem servicii unius militis in exercitu nostro, et alias, quotiens secundum leges regni nostri fuerit faciendum. In cuius rei testimonium, etc. Testibus, ut supra, apud Irwyn, xxvij<sup>o</sup> die Januarii, anno regni nostri duodecimo.

Carta pro Mariota de Coulthart, et Andræ de Coulthart, filio  
quondam Gilberti de Coulthart.

ROBERTUS, Dei gratia rex Scottorum, omnibus probis hominibus totius terræ suæ, clericis et laicis, salutem. Sciatis uos dedisse, concessisse, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse, dilectæ nostræ Mariotæ de Coulthart, sponse quondam Gilberti de Coulthart, et Andræ de Coulthart filio dicti quondam Gilberti, inter ipsum et dictam Mariotam legitime procreato, omnes terras de Barglass et de Murburne, cum pertinenciis, in baronia de Coulthart infra vice-comitatum de Wygtoun. Quæ quidem terræ prius fuerunt dictæ Mariotæ, et quas terras cum pertinenciis prædicta Mariota, non vi aut metu ducta nec errore lapsa, sed mera et spontanea voluntate sua, in sua legitima viduitate, nobis apud Combuskyneth per fustim et baculum sursum reddidit, pureque et simpliciter resignavit, ac totum jus et clameum quæ in prædictis terris cum pertinenciis habuit vel habere potuit, pro se et heredibus suis, omnino quietum clamavit in perpetuum. Tenendum et habendum omnes prædictas terras de Barglass et de Murburne, cum pertinenciis, prædictis Mariotæ et Andræ, et heredibus masculis de corpore dicti Andræ legitime procreandis: quibus forte deficientibus, heredibus uasculis prædictæ Mariotæ de corpore suo legitime procreandis: ac ipsis deficientibus, heredibus propinquioribus dictæ Mariotæ quibuscunque: De nobis et heredibus nostris, in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum, per omnes rectas metas et divisas suas, cum omnibus et singulis libertatibus, commoditatibus, aysiamenis, et justis pertinenciis suis quibuscunque, ad prædictas terras de Barglass et de Murburne spectantibus, seu juste spectare valentibus in futurum, adeo libere et quiete, plenarie, integre, et honorifice, sicut prædicta Mariota, ante resignationem suam uobis factam, prædictas terras cum pertinenciis liberior, quietius, integrius, seu honorificentius, tenuit seu possedit, per servicia inde debita et consueta. In cuius rei testimonium præsentī cartæ nostræ nostrum præcepimus apponi sigillum. Testibus venerabilibus in Christo patribus Mattheo et Gilberto Glasguensis et Aberdenensis ecclesiarum episcopis, et Alexandro de Cokburne et Laughtoun custode magni sigilli nostri, Irwyne, vicesimo die Octobris, anno regni nostri secundo.





A

GENEALOGICAL ACCOUNT

OF THE

ROSSES OF DALTON,

IN THE

COUNTY OF DUMFRIES,

FROM THEIR FIRST SETTLEMENT IN SCOTLAND, IN THE TWELFTH CENTURY,  
TO THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1854.

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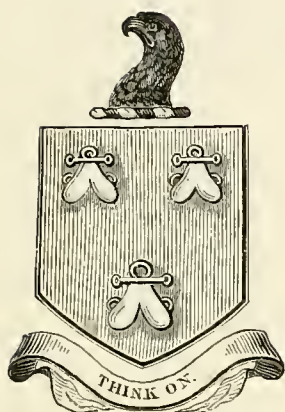
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# ROSS OF DALTON.



SIR ROBERT DOUGLAS, in his *Peerage of Scotland*, CAMDEN, in his *Britannia*, and CRAWFORD, in his *History of Renfrewshire*, agree that the ROSSES of Halkhead, the progenitors of the ROSSES OF DALTON, were originally seated at Wark, in Eogland, and took their designation from the lordship of Ros, in Yorkshire. They subsequently settled on the south-western coast of Scotland, where, by the earliest records known to exist regarding them, they appear as vassals of Richard de Moreville. The first authenticated head of the family that has been traced, is

GODFREY DE ROS, who obtained from Moreville the lauds of Stewartoun, in Ayrshire, and witnessed many of his charters, along with JAMES, Reginald, and Peter de Ros, his sons. The eldest son,

SIR JAMES DE ROS, made a donation to the Monastery of Paisley of some lands in Stewartoun, for the welfare of his soul. He was either the father or grandfather of

ROBERT DE ROS, who witnessed the agreement between King WILLIAM I. and King JOHN, 7 Aug. 1209; a charter of ALEXANDER II., 1214; and accompanied his majesty to England in 1217. He witnessed charters in 1238, 1250, and 1253, and *d.* soon afterwards.

SIR GODFREY DE ROS, probably his son, was father of another

SIR GODFREY DE ROS, who, in 1281, confirmed to the Monastery of Paisley some land in the town of Stewartoun, thus, "Dominus Godfridus de Ros, miles, filius et heres Domini Godfridi de Ros, confirmasse, &c., illam terram in villa de Stewartoun, quam ex collatione Domini Jacobi de Ros, tenend. et possidend." Among those who swore fealty to King EDWARD I., in 1296, were Jacobus filius Godofredi de Ros, senior, et Jacobus filius Godofredi de Ros, junior, 28th July, and Andreas filius Godofredi de Ros, 29th July. Robert de Ros and William de Ros likewise swore fealty, 5 Aug. 1296, and Wautier le Ros the same year. Godofridus de Ros was one of those ordered to be released from prison by EDWARD I., 30 July, 1297, on condition of serving him beyond seas. Godfrey de Ros was sheriff of Lanarkshire in 1310. Among the charters of King ROBERT I., is one to Robert Boyd, of the lands of Kilmarnock, Bondington, Hershaw, &c., quæ fuerunt Joannis de Balliolo, Godofridi de Ros, filii quondam Reginaldi de Ros, Willielmi de Mora, et Roberti de Ros. The son and successor of Sir Godfrey de Ros was

ANDREW DE ROS, the father of

SIR GODFREY DE ROS, who held the office of sheriff of Ayr in 1334, when he submitted to the Steward of Scotland, acting for DAVID II. Godofridus de Ros, miles, had a writ of safe convoy from King EDWARD III., to conduct Richard Talbot into England, 2nd April, 1335, and another, 16 Oct. 1358. He was in England, 16 May, 1365, when a writ of safe convoy was granted to William de Ros coming to him in that kingdom. Godofridus de Ros had a safe conduct into England, 11th June, 1369. Among the notices in Robertson's Index, under DAVID II., is the forfeiture of Godfrid Ros, in the barony of Stauchouse, Lanarkshire; and a charter to Godfrey Ros, of Cunninghamhead, of the mill of Craigie, in Perthshire.

JOHN DE ROSS, of Halkhead, presumed to be the son of Godfrey, had, under the designation of Johannes de Ros, a safe-conduct to come into England, cum duobus equitibus, 25 Oct. 1357. Johannes Ros had a safe conduct into England, 20 March, 1359; again, 26 Oct. 1362, to pay his devotions at the shrine of St. Thomas of Canterbury; also, for the same purpose, on 26 April, 1363. His son,

SIR JOHN ROSS, of Halkhead, who, under the designation of Dominus Johannes de Ross, miles, Dominus de Halkhead, witnessed donations to the Monastery of Paisley in 1392 and 1397. He m. Agnes, dau. and heiress of Sir John Melville, of Melville, with whom he got that fair barony on the banks of the North Esk, in the co. of Edinburgh. By her he had a son,

SIR JOHN ROSS, of Halkhead, who had a charter of the barony of Melville, as heir of his mother, in 1401, and quartered the arms of Melville with his own. He was appointed heritable constable of the Castle of Renfrew, with a grant of the customs at the principal fairs of that borough. His son,

SIR JOHN ROSS, of Halkhead, was, along with James Douglas, brother of the Earl of Douglas, and James Douglas, brother of Lochleven, the combatants against three Burgundian knights, 1449, in presence of JAMES II. and his court. He had a charter, Johanni le Ross, de Hawkhead, militi, of the lands of Tarbart, in Ayrshire, and Auchenkak, in Renfrewshire, on the resignation of Robert Ross, of Tarbart, 17 Jan. 1450-1. He had a writ of safe convoy, under the designation of "John Ross, Knight," to pass through England along with William, Earl of Douglas, dated 12 May, 1451; another, as "John de Ross, Dominus de Halkhead," dated 27 May, 1459; also charters of Lochtilow, in the barony of Bathgate, Starlaw, and Denys, dated 16 July, 1468; and a commission, under the great seal, of the office of sheriff of Linlithgow, for life, dated 9 March, 1472-3. Sir John Ross de Halkhead, miles, was one of the ambassadors to England, to whom a writ of safe convoy was granted, 24 Aug. 1473, and dying soon afterwards, was s. by his son,

SIR JOHN ROSS, of Halkhead, who eventually became JOHN, 1st LORD ROSS, and one of the conservators of a treaty with the English, 20 Sept. 1484, under the designation of "John Rosse de Halkhede, miles." Dominus de Halkhede, Ross, occurs among the barons in the parliament, 3 Feb. 1489-90; and Ross de Halkhede is inserted among the Domini Barones in the parliament 11 March, 1503-4. He had, under the designation of "John Ross of Halkhead," a charter of part of the barony of Auchinbothy-Wallace, 17 Feb. 1490-1, and obtained a charter under the great seal, dated 11 March, 1501-2, confirming a donation of the king, quondam Joanni, Domino Ross de Halkhede, militi, avo Joannis, Domini Ross, de Halkhede, militis moderni, of the island of King's Inch, in Clyde. He had charters addressed to him, "John, Lord Ross, of Halkhead," of the lands of Dikbar, Castlebar, and Matthewbar, 30th July, 1502, and of Ralston, in the co. of Renfrew, 11th Feb. 1505-6, and appears to have died soon afterwards. Lord Ross left issue a son and a dau., namely,

JOHN, 2nd LORD ROSS, of whom presently, Egidia, m. to James Auchinleck, whose father, Sir John Auchinleck, of Auchinleck, in Ayrshire, granted a charter, 3 March, 1480-1, of some lands to Egidia, dau. of Sir John Ross, of Halkhede, to take effect when they were married.

JOHN, 2nd LORD ROSS, of Halkhead, had charters granted to him, under the designation of "John Ross, of Melville, and Christian Edmonstone his wife," of the lands of Tortrevane, in the co. of Edinburgh, 27 Sept. 1490; and of the lands of Walterstown, in the co. of Stirling, Joanni Ross de Melvyn, militi, filio et heredi apparenti Joannis, Domini Ross, from his father, 31 March, 1499. After succeeding to his father, he had a charter, dated 21 Feb. 1508-9 (in which he is described as John, Lord Ross, of Halkhead), of the lauds and baronies of Melville, Stauchouse, and Mosshouse, in the co. of Edinburgh; and of Tortrevane, Prestoun, Walterstown, and Moringside, in the shires of Linlithgow and Stirling. Lord Ross fell at Fiddien, 9 Sept. 1513, leaving by Christian his wife, dau. of Archibald Edmonstone, of Duntrath, two sons and a dau., viz., NINIAN, his heir; RANDOLPH, lineal ancestor of the ROSSES of Dalton, whose descent will be given after that of his brother Ninian, and his sister Agnes.



1. NINIAN, 3rd LORD ROSS, of Halkhead, was, in 1515, one of the Scottish nobles despatched to France to get Scotland included in the pacification with England. He *m.* 1st, Lady Janet Stewart, 3rd dau. of John, Earl of Lennox, by whom he had a dau., Margaret; 2ndly, Elizabeth, dau. of William, 1st Lord Ruthven, relict of William, 5th Earl of Erroll, by whom he had a son that *s.* him at his death, *as*

JAMES, 4th LORD ROSS, who *m.* Jean, dau. of Robert, 3rd Lord Sempill, and dying in April, 1581, left issue. ROBERT, his successor; Sir William Ross, of Muiriston, whose son, WILLIAM, *s.* to the title as 10th Lord Ross; Elizabeth, *m.* to Allan, son of Mungo Lockhart, of Gledghorn; Jean, *m.* to Sir James Sandilands, of Calder. The eldest son,

ROBERT, 5th LORD ROSS, *m.* Jean, dau. of Gavin Hamilton, of Raploch, by whom (who *m.* 2ndly, Robert, 2nd Lord Melville, of Raith) he left issue at his death, in Oct. 1595, JAMES, his heir; and Grizel, *m.* to Sir Archibald Stirling, of Keir.

JAMES, 6th LORD ROSS, *m.* Margaret, eldest dau. of Walter, 1st Lord Scott, of Buccleuch, and at his death, in Dec. 1633, left issue by her, JAMES, 7th Lord Ross; WILLIAM, 8th Lord Ross; ROBERT, 9th Lord Ross; Margaret, *m.* to Sir George Stirling, of Keir; Mary, *m.* to John Hepburn, of Wauchton; Jean, *m.* to Sir Robert Innes, of Innes, Bart.

JAMES, 7th LORD ROSS, was served heir to his father on the 18th Sept. 1634, and *d. unm.* on the 17 March, 1636.

WILLIAM, 8th LORD ROSS, was served heir to his brother James, 8th Sept. 1636, and *d. unm.* in Aug. 1640.

ROBERT, 9th LORD ROSS, was served heir to his brother WILLIAM, 3 June, 1641, and dying *unm.* in Aug. 1648, the title and estates devolved on the heir male, Sir William Ross, of Muiriston, 10th Lord Ross, son of Sir William Ross, of Muiriston, 2nd son of James, 4th Lord Ross.

WILLIAM, 10th LORD ROSS, was served heir-male of Robert, 9th Lord Ross, 20 March, 1649, and was fined £3,000 sterling by CROMWELL's Act of grace and pardon, in 1654. He *m.* Helen, dau. of George, 1st Lord Forrester, of Corstorphine, by whom, at his death, in 1656, he left a son,

GEORGE, 11th LORD ROSS, who, on the restoration of CHARLES II., was sworn a privy councillor, and appointed lieutenant-colonel of the royal regiment of guards. He *m.* 1st, Lady Grizel Cochrane, only dau. of William, 1st Earl of Dundonald, by whom he had, WILLIAM, 12th Lord Ross; and Grizel, *m.* to Sir Alexander Gilmour, of Craigmillar. Lord Ross *m.* 2ndly, Lady Jean Ramsay, eldest dau. of George, 2nd Earl of Dalhousie, by whom, at his death, in 1682, he left issue, Charles, of Balmagowan, who *d. unm.* at Bath, 5 Aug. 1732; and Jean, *m.* to William, 6th Earl of Dalhousie.

WILLIAM, 12th LORD ROSS, high commissioner to the Church of Scotland in 1704, and one of the sixteen representatives of the Scottish Peerage at the general election in 1713. He *m.* 1st, Agnes, dau. and heiress of Sir John Wilkie, of Foulden, co. Berwick, by whom he had issue, GEORGE, 13th Lord Ross; Eupheme, *m.* to William, 3rd Earl of Kilmarnock; Mary, *m.* to John, 1st Duke of Atholl; Grizel, *m.* to Sir James Lockhart, of Carstairs, co. Lanark, Bart. Lord Ross *m.* 2ndly, a dau. of Philip, Lord Wharton, without issue; 3rdly, Lady Anne Hay, eldest dau. of John, 2nd Marquis of Tweeddale, by whom he had a dau., Anne, who *d. unm.*; and 4thly, Henrietta, dau. of Sir Francis Scott, of Thirlstane, by whom he had no issue.\* His lordship *d.* at Halkhead, 15 March, 1738, in the 82nd year of his age, and was *s.* by his only son,

GEORGE, 13th LORD ROSS, who made a settlement of his estates, 17 June, 1751, on his son William and the heirs of his body; which failing, on his daus., Jane, Elizabeth, and

Mary, respectively, and the heirs-male of their bodies; remainder to his nearest heirs and assigns. He *m.* Lady Elizabeth Kerr, 3rd dau. of William, 2nd Marquis of Lothian, by whom he left at his death, 17 June, 1754, WILLIAM, 14th Lord Ross; Jean, *m.* to John Mackye, of Palgovan, she dying without issue, 19 Aug. 1777; Elizabeth, *m.* 11 June, 1755, to John, 3rd Earl of Glasgow, and had issue; and Mary, who *d. unm.* at London, 22 Oct. 1762.†

WILLIAM, 14th LORD ROSS, *s.* to his father 17 June, 1754, but enjoyed the title only two months, having *d. unm.* at Mount Tiviot, the seat of his uncle, the Marquis of Lothian, 19 Aug. 1754, in the 34th year of his age. The title became extinct; the estate of Balmagowan went to his cousin, Sir James Ross Lockhart, after an ineffectual opposition from Sir Alexander Gilmour; and his other property devolved on his sisters.

II. RANDOLPH ROSS, lineal ancestor of the Rosses of Dalton, whose descent will presently be given.

III. Agnes Ross, who *m.* in 1520, John Boyle, of Kelburne, ancestor of the Earls of Glasgow, with whom passed as marriage dower a considerable portion of the estates of Halkhead.

RANDOLPH ROSS, of Rosshill, son of John, 2nd Lord Ross, and brother of Ninian, 3rd Lord Ross, of Halkhead, was infeft and had investiture of the lauds of Rosshill, in the co. of Ayr, 20 Sept. 1515. He *m.* Anne, dau. of Lindsay of Crawford, and was slain at Pinkie, 10 Sept. 1547, leaving issue, PATRICK, his heir; Andrew, whose name occurs in various public documents in connection with the house of Ruthven, of which he seems to have been an adherent; William, present at the marriage of his cousin James, 4th Lord Ross; Grace, who *m.* Alexander Chalmer, of Galdgirth; Anne, who *m.* Sir William Houston, of Houston; Agnes, who *m.* David Cameron, son of Cameron of Lochiel. The eldest son,

PATRICK ROSS, of Rosshill Castle, was retoured heir to his father, 15 July, 1548; had a precept of sasine of the lauds of Coruwath, in the co. of Ayr, 18 June, 1551, and obtained permission, under the great seal of Scotland, to erect Ross hill Castle, 16 Oct. 1556. He *m.* Frances, dau. of John Hally burton, of Dirlton, and dying 14 July, 1586, left issue, PATRICK, his heir; John, who obtained a charter of the lauds of Findhorn, co. Linlithgow; William, who purchased the six-merk land of Craiginner, in the sheriffdom of Renfrew; Frances, who *m.* Henry Waterton, of Forres; Margaret, who *m.* Richard Rentou, of Montragget; and Janet, who *m.* John Cunningham, of Summertoun. The eldest son,

PATRICK ROSS, of Rosshill Castle, obtained, 12 Nov. 1588, a confirmation charter, under the great seal, of the estate of Rosshill, conjointly with Catherine-Maxwell his wife, and the heirs-male of their bodies, with remainders over to certain relations particularly specified and described. He left issue at his death, 12 June, 1593, WILLIAM, his heir; James, described in a wadset, 15 May, 1601, "of Tullimuch;" Catherine, Janet, and Margaret, mentioned in their father's testamentary disposition. The eldest son,

WILLIAM ROSS, of Rosshill, was retoured heir to his father 24 Oct. 1594; acquired by purchase the forty-shilling land of Portrichan, co. Ayr, 2 May, 1605; and was excommunicated for his adherence to popery at an assembly of Commissioners that sat at Linlithgow in July, 1607. He *m.* Margaret, dau. of Thomas Fotheringham, of Powis, and at his death, 1 March, 1614, he left issue by her, PATRICK, his successor; Edward, who served under the Earl of Caithness, in 1612, as a captain in the forces raised by JAMES VI. to suppress the rebellion of Orkney; Margaret, who *m.* Robert Macdonald, of Donaldtoun, in the shire of Stirling. The eldest son,

PATRICK ROSS, of Rosshill, was served and retoured heir to his father 28 Nov. 1614, and was amongst the Scottish noblemen and gentlemen at Berwick, 2 May, 1617, on the occasion of giving JAMES VI. a loyal reception on his entering, from the south, the northern portion of his dominions. He *m.* Anne, dau. of Sir John McKenzie, of Fariate, and at his

\* There must be some error or omission in regard to the above enumeration of marriages of William, 12th Lord Ross, as given in *Douglas's Peerage of Scotland*, it clearly appearing by a post-nuptial family settlement, which I have seen, in the charter-cabinet of the Coulthart family, dated 19th April, 1695, made between the Right Honourable William, Lord Ross, of Halkhead and Melville, of the first part; the Right Honourable Margaret, Lady Ross, his wife, relict of Major Dunch and Sir Thomas Seyliard, Bart., of the second part; and her Ladyship's trustees, Jeremiah Smith, of Pusey, co. Berks, Gent., and William Wright, of the Inner Temple, London, Esq., of the third part; that certain plate, jewels, household goods, and implements, which belonged to the said Lady Ross, as executrix of her deceased husbands, Major Dunch and Sir Thomas Seyliard, should not be claimed in any way by her then husband, the said Lord Ross, or his lordship's heirs, executors, or administrators.

† Besides these four children that survived him, GEORGE, 13th Lord Ross, had two sons that died in his lifetime, namely, George, who died without leaving issue, 24 June, 1740; and Charles, M.P. for the co. Ross, 1741, who fell at the battle of Fontenoy, 30 April, 1745, and on whose untimely fate Collins wrote a beautiful Ode containing these lines:—

O'er him, whose doom thy virtues grieve,  
Aërial forms shall sit at eve,  
And hush the pensive head,  
And fall'n to save his injured land,  
Imperial Honour's awful hand  
Shall point his lovely bed.

death, 1 Dec. 1630, be left issue, NINIAN, his heir; William, an officer in the royal army; and Catherine, who m. William Connell, of Dromore, in the co. of Down, Ireland. The eldest son,

NINIAN ROSS, of Rosshill, was served heir to his father, 4 April, 1631, and being in his youth trained to the military profession, and in principle a decided royalist, he was commissioned to serve under the Marquis of Hamilton, in Germany, whilst CHARLES I. was assisting the King of Sweden to regain his territorial possessions. He m. Elizabeth, dau. of Sir John Allerdice, of Allerdice, and by her had issue, NINIAN, his heir; John, designated in a wadeet "of Strathhaue, co. Dumharton"; and William, "of Auchentar, co. Reufrew." Mr. Ross d. 25 Dec. 1646, and was s. in the family estate by his eldest son,

NINIAN ROSS, of Rosshill, who was b. 6 Jan. 1641; served heir to his father, on attaining his majority, 6 Jan. 1662; entered the army 10 May, 1663; purchased the lands of Keir, in Nithsdale, from Richard Boyd, of Blackwood, 2 Feb. 1671; and alienated the old family estate of Rosshill to Meldrum of Craigford, 5 Aug. 1676. He m. Matilda, dau. of Fairley of Brade, by whom (whose marriage settlement bears date 9 June, 1671, and whose death occurred 20 Nov. 1699) he left issue at his death, 1 Dec. 1700, JOHN, his successor; Alexander, of Closeburn, co. Dumfries; Michael, of Aldgirth, in the said co. of Dumfries; Mary, Helen, Margaret, Elizabeth, mentioned in their father's testamentary disposition. The eldest son,

JOHN ROSS, Esq. of Keir, b. 6 July, 1672; served heir to his father 24 Nov. 1701; m. 1 June, 1698, Janet, dau. of James Grierson, Esq. of Tinwald, co. Dumfries, by whom he had issue, JOHN, his heir; William, a captain in the 1st regt. of the Guards; James, of Belfast, who m. Matilda, dau. of Robert Astle, Esq. of Ballykinlar, co. Down; Mary, who m. Edward Dawson, Esq. of Brownhill; Helen, who m. Robert Graham, Esq. of St. Mungo. He d. at Keir, 12 Oct. 1732, and was s. by his eldest son,

JOHN ROSS, Esq. of Keir, b. 7 Aug. 1699; m. 4 July, 1730, Helen, dau. of Andrew Galloway, Esq. of Perth, by whom he had issue,

i. JOHN, his heir.

ii. James, of Dormont, co. Dumfries, b. 2 June, 1733; m. 10 May, 1757, Elizabeth, dau. of James Graham, Esq. of Denbie Park, and d. s. p. 27 Nov. 1815.

iii. Alexander, of Maryport, co. Cumberland.

iv. Michael, of Aldgirth, in the parish of Closeburn, and of Smallholm, in the parish of Lochmaben, both in the co. of Dumfries, b. 30 Jan. 1737; m. 1 July, 1767, Agnes, eldest dau. of John Rae, Esq. of The Isle, co. Dumfries; and d. at Smallholm House, 5 April, 1807, leaving issue by his said wife (who d. 10 April, 1807), Joseph, who d. in Sept. 1832, aged 50 years; Elspeth, who d. 18 April, 1807, aged 35 years.

v. William, b. 14 Aug. 1741, in holy orders.

vi. Joseph, of Wellingborough, co. Northampton, and of Uppingham, co. Rutland, who d. a bachelor, circa 1815, leaving all his property, which was considerable, to his nephews and nieces of the name of Ross.

vii. Helen, of Maryport, co. Cumberland.

Mr. Ross d. at Keir, 25 March, 1763, and was s. by his eldest son,

JOHN ROSS, Esq. of Keir, Closeburn, St. Mungo, and Dalton, all in the co. of Dumfries, b. 25 Jan. 1732; m. 15 July, 1763, Margaret, dau. of Alexander Glendinning,\* Esq. (and Agnes Johnstone his wife), of the Isle of Dalton, in the co. of Dumfries, and by that lady (who d. 17 Jan. 1807) had issue,

i. JOHN, his heir.

ii. William, of Hightae, co. Dumfries, b. 17 March, 1770; m. 10 Sept. 1804, Hannah, dau. of Joseph Lindsay, Esq. of Liverpool, by whom (who d. 7 May, 1847) he left issue at his death, on 1 Jan. 1819, viz.,

1 Joseph, of Auchengray, in the parish of New Abbey, and co. of Dumfries, b. 24 June, 1808; m. 12 Nov. 1840, Agnes, dau. of William Stewart, Esq. of Glasgow, by whom he has issue,

William, b. 20 March, 1843.

Robert, b. 3 March, 1846.

Elizabeth, b. 5 Sept. 1845.

Agnes, b. 21 Feb. 1852.

2 Susannah, b. 12 Aug. 1805; d. 12 July, 1829, *unm.*

3 Mary, b. 9 Feb. 1813; m. 5 April, 1853, James Grieve, Esq. of Hightae, son of James Grieve, Esq. of Hawick, co. Roxburgh.

4 Hannah, b. 12 Nov. 1815; m. 2 Jan. 1853, William Little, Esq. of Lochmaben, son of the late John Little, Esq. of Tinwald, in the co. of Dumfries.

iii. Alexander, of Captaintown, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, b. 10 June, 1780; m. 3 April, 1808, Janet, 3rd dau. of John Reid, Esq. of Hoddam, co. Dumfries, by whom he has had issue,

1 John, of Markfast, in the parish of Urr, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, b. 16 Feb. 1813; m. 16 July, 1844, Jessie, dau. of John McCubbing, Esq. of Dryburgh, in the parish of Crossmichael, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, by whom he has issue,

John-McCubbing, b. 20 May, 1845.

Alexander, b. 4 May, 1847.

Jessie, b. 21 Jan. 1850.

Mary, b. 23 Aug. 1851.

2 Margaret, b. 29 Nov. 1808; m. 2 June, 1828, Robert Bell, Esq. of Upper Hardland, son of Thomas Bell, Esq. of Lower Hardland, in the parish of Balmacellan, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, by whom (who d. 8 Dec. 1847) she has had issue,

Thomas, b. 5 Dec. 1830.

Robert, b. 18 Sept. 1832.

Alexander-Ross, b. 31 Aug. 1841.

John-Bell, b. 27 April, 1844.

Janet, b. 14 March, 1829.

Agnes, b. 20 April, 1839.

Mary-Jane-Nelson, b. 26 Aug. 1846, and d. in infancy.

3 Jessie, b. 3 March, 1811; d. 27 April, 1819.

4 Catherine, b. 16 Feb. 1813.

5 Jessie, b. 20 April, 1821; m. 10 Jan. 1837, James Laurie, Esq. of Glenroan, in the parish of Crossmichael, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, second son of the late William Laurie, Esq. of Millbank, in the parish of Southwick, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, by whom she has issue,

Alexander-Ross, b. 27 Aug. 1838.

James, b. 8 April, 1841.

William, b. 4 Aug. 1850.

6 Mary, b. 6 Feb. 1824.

7 Nancy, b. 11 July, 1830.

iv. Joseph, of Halifax, co. York, b. 5 May, 1785; m. 4 Feb. 1819, Elizabeth, second dau. of the late John Beale, Esq. of Willington, co. Derby, and d. 5 April, 1850, having had issue,

1 John, b. 24 June, 1828; d. 13 June, 1830; interred at Square Chapel, Halifax.

2 Anne-Beale, b. 10 Nov. 1819.

3 Elizabeth, b. 26 Oct. 1822; d. 7 Feb. 1850, *unm.*

4 Mary, b. 13 July, 1824; m. 14 Feb. 1854, Joseph Wadsworth, Esq. of Halifax, in the co. of York, son of the Rev. Abel Wadsworth and Elizabeth his wife, dau. of Mr. James Lister, of Halifax, co. York, builder.

5 Margaret-Glendinning, b. 1 July, 1826.

6 Helen-Coulthart, b. 27 July, 1830; d. 4 May, 1853, *unm.*

i. Agnes, b. 21 Feb. 1772; m. 12 May, 1789, Thomas Hewitson, Esq. of Wigton, co. Cumberland, 2nd son of Richard Hewitson (or Howatson), Esq. of the same place, by whom (who was b. 25 Oct. 1764, and d. 29 April, 1841) she has had issue,

1 Joseph, of Maxwelltown, in the parish of Troqueer, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, b. 17 Oct. 1798; m. 21 Oct. 1822, Janet, dau. of James McMichan, Esq. of Maxwelltown, near Dumfries, and d. s. p. 16 July, 1853.

2 Alexander-Glendinning, of Aikeld-low-House, in the parish of Wigton, and co. Cumberland, b. 4 Oct. 1805.

3 Thomas, of Aikeld-low-House, co. Cumberland, b. 1 Sept. 1807; m. 3 Dec. 1841, Margaret, dau. of Thomas Graham, Esq. of Westlinton, in the parish of Kirkcubright, and co. of Cumberland, by whom (who d. 29 Nov. 1851) he had an only child, Esther, b. 19 Sept. 1842.

4 John, of Aikeld-low-House, near Wigton, co. Cumberland, b. 1 March, 1810.

5 William-Coulthart, of Cockermouth, in the co. of Cumberland, b. 5 Aug. 1815; m. 18 Nov. 1841, Nancy, dau. of John Nicholson, Esq. of Eskrigg, in the parish of Wigton, and co. of Cumberland, by whom he has,

Thomas, b. 17 Aug. 1844.

William, b. 18 June, 1853.

Priscilla, b. 13 Jan. 1843.

Mary-Anne, b. 31 March, 1846.

Jane, twins, b. 26 Feb. 1848.

Elizabeth, b. 5 Sept. 1849.

Margaret, b. 1 Aug. 1851.

1 Mary, b. 15 March, 1793; m. 27 April, 1813, James Stitt, Esq. of Barndeneoch, in the parish of Keir, and co. of Dumfries, by whom (who d. 3 Sept. 1847) she has had issue,

1 Hugh, b. 6 Aug. 1816, m. 19 Dec. 1840, Miss Rachel Richardson; 2 John, b. 1 June, 1830, m. 29 May, 1852, Miss Mary Kirkton; 3 James, b. 4 Sept. 1832; 4 Agnes, b. 1 Aug. 1814, m. 19 May, 1842, Joseph Fell, Esq.; 5 Janet, b. 21 Dec. 1819, m. 20 May, 1850, George Steel, Esq.; 6 Margaret, b. 1 April, 1821, m. 15 Nov. 1841, Jacob Stobbert, Esq.; 7 Mary, b. 3 March, 1823, m. in 1851, William Dunn, Esq.; 8 Helen, b. 4 April, 1826, m. in 1847, William Dixon, Esq.

\* From this gentleman descends Alexander Glendinning, Esq. of Seven-Oaks, co. Kent, who served as high-sheriff of that county in 1854.



- 2 Margaret, *b.* 28 Sept. 1796; *m.* 1st, 6 June, 1818, William, son of Thomas Richardson, Esq. of Smallholm, in the parish of Lochmaben, and co. of Dumfries, by whom (who *d.* 17 Sept. 1839) she had issue,  
 Thomas, *b.* 9 June, 1821.  
 Johnstone, *b.* 11 July, 1823.  
 William, *b.* 18 Nov. 1825.  
 Joseph, *b.* 12 Aug. 1830.  
 John, *b.* 14 Aug. 1833.  
 Margaret, *b.* 3 March, 1828.  
 Agnea, *b.* 28 Aug. 1837.  
 Mrs. Richardson *m.* 2ndly, 11 Sept. 1843, William Rooke, Esq. of Wigton, in the co. of Cumberland, by whom she has no issue.
- ii. Helen, *b.* 7 Oct. 1774; *m.* 3 Sept. 1801, William Coulthart, of Coulthart and Collyn, Esq., son and heir of William Coulthart, of Coulthart, in the co. of Wigtown, and Largmore, in the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, chief of the name, and Janet his wife, dau. of Alexander Macnaught, Esq. of Milltown Park, in the parish of Dalry and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, by whom (who *d.* 7 Oct. 1847) she has issue,  
 1 John-Ross, of Ashton-under-Lyne, in the co. of Lancaster, banker, *b.* 24 June, 1807.  
 2 Margaret, *b.* 9 Nov. 1808; *m.* 25 March, 1833, James Macguffie, Esq. of Crossmichael, co. Kirkcudbright, eldest son of William Macguffie, Esq. of Lochhill, in the parish of Crossmichael, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, and Agnes his wife, dau. of Robert Sloan, Esq. of Whinnyhill, in the parish of Lochrutton, and said Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, by whom she has issue,  
 William, *b.* 12 Oct. 1835.  
 John, *b.* 11 March, 1839.  
 James, *b.* 8 Feb. 1841.  
 Thomas, *b.* 13 Sept. 1843.  
 Alexander, *b.* 28 July, 1851.  
 Joseph, *b.* 17 March, 1854.  
 Helen, *b.* 19 Jan. 1834.  
 Agnes, *b.* 1 Feb. 1837.  
 Margaret, *b.* 13 Sept. 1843.  
 Mary, *b.* 3 July, 1846.  
 Catherine-Campbell, *b.* 17 June, 1849.
- iii. Mary, *b.* 14 Aug. 1777; *m.* 10 Nov. 1805, William Brockie, Esq. of Mill House, in the parish of Dryfesdale, and co. of Dumfries, and *d. s. p.* 4 Nov. 1806.
- iv. Margaret, *b.* 15 Nov. 1782; *m.* 1 Oct. 1806, William Irving, Esq. of Barndennoch, in the parish of Keir, and co. of Dumfries, 2nd son of Christopher Irving, Esq. of Butterthwaite, in the parish of Dalton, in the said co. of Dumfries, by whom (who was *b.* 28 June, 1758, and *d.* 10 Jan. 1846) she has had issue,  
 1 John, of Boreland, in the parish of Dunscore, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, *b.* 29 Sept. 1807; *m.* 29 May, 1848, Jessie, dau. of Adam Stitt, Esq. of Penpont, in the co. of Dumfries, by whom he has issue,  
 William, *b.* 9 May, 1849.  
 Adam, *b.* 10 Nov. 1850.  
 John, *b.* 29 Dec. 1853.  
 Margaret, *b.* 31 March, 1852.
- 2 Christopher, of Blackearne, in the parish of Crossmichael, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, *b.* 13 Oct. 1809; *m.* 30 Nov. 1852, Elizabeth, dau. of the late John Anderson, Esq. of Blackearne, by whom he has issue,  
 Margaret, *b.* 6 Nov. 1853.
- 3 William, of Barndennoch, in the parish of Keir, and co. of Dumfries, *b.* 13 Jan. 1812.
- 4 Benjamin, of Ernambrie, in the parish of Crossmichael, and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, *b.* 26 May, 1820.
- 5 Joseph, of Jordieland, in the parish and Stewartry of Kirkcudbright, *b.* 13 Dec. 1822; *m.* 8 June, 1852, Catherine, dau. of William Pagan, Esq. of Curriestanes, in the parish of Troqueer, and co. of Dumfries, by whom he has issue,  
 William, } twins, *b.* 23 March, 1853.  
 Margaret, }
- 1 Mary, *b.* 24 Nov. 1813; *m.* 22 Feb. 1848, Robert Graham, Esq. of Westlinton, in the parish of Kirkcudbright, and co. of Cumberland, son of the late Thomas Graham, of the same place, Esq., by whom she has issue,  
 Thomas-William, *b.* 9 May, 1849.  
 Robert, *b.* 23 June, 1853.
- 2 Margaret, *b.* 24 Feb. 1816, and *d.* 29 April, 1837, *unn.*
- 3 Jessie, *b.* 29 March, 1818.
- Mr. Ross of Dalton, *d.* 6 June, 1813, and was interred in the family burying-ground in Dalton churchyard, his successor being his eldest son,  
 JOHN ROSS, Esq. of Dalton, in the co. of Dumfries, and of Halifax, in the co. of York, *b.* 18 Feb. 1765; *m.* 19 May, 1800, Anne, relict of Charles Warner, captain in the royal navy, and dau. of John Walker, Esq. of Knaresborough, in the co. of York, by whom (who *d.* 18 June, 1828) he had issue,  
 i. John, *b.* 30 Nov. 1802; *m.* 24 July, 1825, Theodosia, dau. of John Knight, Esq. of Horton, near Bradford, co. York, and *d.* 9 May, 1826, leaving a posthumous son, who *d. unm.* early in life.  
 ii. ALEXANDER-GLENDINNING, of whom presently.  
 iii. Joseph, of Liverpool, *b.* 18 Oct. 1810; *m.* 22 May, 1832, Mary-Jane, 3rd dau. of William Ormerod, Esq. of Totteth Park, co. Lancaster, and *d. s. p.* 15 Jan. 1837.  
 iv. GEORGE, the present representative of the family, of whom hereafter.  
 v. William-Henry, a clerk in the Admiralty, London, *b.* 31 March, 1816; *m.* 8 March, 1840, Maria, dau. of the Rev. O. Roberts, A.M., of Queenborough, co. Kent.  
 1. Margaret, *b.* 5 April, 1801; *m.* 2 July, 1822, Benjamin Clarke, Esq. of Armley, co. York, and *d. s. p.* 17 Nov. 1823.  
 ii. Anne, *b.* 2 Aug. 1804, and *d.* 21 June, 1817.  
 iii. Mary, *b.* 10 Oct. 1808, and *d. unm.* at Hastings, in the co. of Sussex, 1 Aug. 1847.
- Mr. Ross *d.* 18 Feb. 1829, and was interred in the family vault at Square Chapel, Halifax, his successor being his eldest surviving son,  
 ALEXANDER-GLENDINNING ROSS, Esq. of Dalton, in the co. of Dumfries, and of Halifax, in the co. of York, *b.* 10 March, 1806; *m.* 10 Dec. 1835, Susannah, 2nd dau. of John Hollingsworth, Esq. of Chelsea, co. Middlesex, and Susannah his wife, dau. of Augustus-Frederick Morgan, Esq. of Morgan Court, Herefordshire, by which alliance Mr. Alexander-GLENDINNING ROSS had two daus., namely,  
 Mary-Anne, *b.* 1 June, 1837.  
 Susan, *b.* 8 Feb. 1839.
- Mr. Ross *d.* suddenly at Gloucester, 12 June, 1838, without leaving male issue, when the estates and representation of the family devolved upon his eldest surviving brother, the present  
 GEORGE ROSS, Esq. of Dalton, in the co. of Dumfries, and of Reeshouse, near Newport, in the co. of Salop, *b.* at Halifax, in the co. of York, 2 Jan. 1813; *m.* 25 Dec. 1847, Sarah, dau. of William Parton, Esq. of Norton Hall, near Shiffnal, Shropshire, by whom he has issue,  
 Mary-Anne, *b.* 16 April, 1849.  
 Harriet, *b.* 12 May, 1854.
- Arms*—Gules, three water-bougets, arg.  
*Crest*—A hawk's head, couped, ppr.  
*Motto*—Think on.

### COMPILER'S ATTESTATION.

THE preceding pedigree of the *Rosses of Dalton* has been chiefly compiled from the published genealogical works of Sir Robert Douglas and Sir Bernard Burke, the whole having been brought down to the present time from the personal communications of the existing families recorded in its pages. The information thus obtained I have anxiously endeavoured to arrange in a truthful and perspicuous manner; and IN TESTIMONY of the care that has been exercised to secure these desirable objects, I hereunto subscribe my name, this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, in the presence of the Right Reverend James Prince, Lord Bishop of Manchester, and of the Reverend Thomas Rothwell Bently, M.A., of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and Incumbent of Saint Matthew's, Manchester.

As witnessed by us,

J. P. MANCHESTER.

THOS. R. BENTLY.

GEO. P. KNOWLES,  
*Genealogist and Heraldic Artist, Manchester.*



JANE daun. Van JAM	eldest dau. of GEM, rd Forrester, of ne.	CATHERINE, m. William Connell, of Dromore, co. Down.			
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1763, s, his 1844, array, thart,	MARGARET, dau. of Alexander Glendinning, Esq., of the Isle of Dalton, co. Dumfries.	orough, co. North- pingham, co. Rut- circa 1815, leav- y, which was con- ephews and nieces s.	HELEN, of Maryport, co. Cumberland.		
elict rles er, t.N., 23.	THOMAS HEWITSON of Wigton, co. land, b. 25 Oct d. 29 April, 184	Esq., of Smallholm e parish of Dalton fries, d. 15 Sept. years.	ELSPETH, d. 18 April, 1807, aged 35 years.		
MARGARET, m. jamin arke, Esq.; s. p. 823, tatis 22.	MARY, m. Joseph Vads- orth, Esq. of lifax.	MARGARET GLEN- DINNING ROSS.	5 JOSEPH, of Jordie- land, m. 1852, C. Pagan.	6 MARY, m. 1848, Robert Graham, Esq. of Westlin- ton.	7 JESSIE, of Barn- dennoch, co. Dum- fries.
1 WILLI 2 ROBE 3 ELIZA 4 AGNE	1 WILLI 2 ADAM,	THOMAS-WILLIAM, b. 9 May, 1849. ROBERT, b. 23 June, 1853.			

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JOHN ROSS COULTHART,

OF

COULTHART, COLLYN AND

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.



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A GENEALOGICAL AND HERALDIC ACCOUNT OF THE COULTHARTS OF COULTHART AND COLLYN, CHIEFS OF THE NAME; from their first settlement in Scotland in the reign of Conarus, to the Year of Our Lord 1854; to which are added, the Pedigrees of seven other considerable Families, that, through Heiresses, became incorporated with the House of Coulthart. By GEORGE PARKER KNOWLES, Genealogist and Heraldic Artist. Derived from the Family Muniments. London: printed for private circulation only, by Harrison and Sons, MDCCCLV. Royal 8vo. pp. 24.

COULTHART, OF COULTHART, COLLYN, AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE. [A broadside Pedigree] derived from the Family Muniments, and brought down to A.D. 1853 by ALEXANDER CHEYNE, Esq. B.A. of Ashton-under-Lyne, Barrister-at-Law, and GEORGE PARKER KNOWLES, of Manchester, Genealogist and Heraldic Artist.

A GENEALOGICAL AND HERALDIC ACCOUNT OF THE ROSSES OF DALTON, in the County of Dumfries, from their first Settlement in Scotland, in the Twelfth Century, to the year of our Lord 1854. (By the Same, and printed at the same time.) Royal 8vo. pp. 8.

Notes and Memoranda to the Coulthart and Ross Pedigrees. Royal 8vo. pp. 11. [Accompanied by a Declaration of Mr. George Parker Knowles, dated 3 Feb. 1864.] (Of all, 75 copies printed.)

These genealogical records are dedicated to John Ross Coulthart, esq. of Croft House, Ashton-under-Lyne, co. Lancaster, and to George Ross, esq. of Newport, co. Salop; and they were printed at the expense of the former, the representative of the Coultharts of Coulthart and Collyn. In a brief Preface we are informed that the more laborious part of the work, in transcribing and translating the documents from which the pedigrees are composed, had been accomplished by Alexander Cheyne, esq. of Ashton-under-Lyne, barrister-at-law, shortly before his death on the 26th August, 1853: their arrangement was completed by the gentleman whose name and designation appears in the title-page.

"Few families (remarks Mr. Knowles) can justly claim so ancient and honourable a descent as the Coultharts of Coulthart and Collyn, and fewer still can establish their lineage by such unerring documentary evidence. Deriving an uninterrupted male succession from the era of Julius Agricola, the genealogy is clearly traceable by means of monkish chronicles, historical achievements, marriage alliances, royal charters, baronial leases, sepulchral inscriptions, sasine precepts, judicial decreets, and fragmentary pedigrees, to the present lineal representative, who has furnished me with such an extensive collection of ancestral muniments, partly arranged by domestic annalists and antiquaries, that I am enabled to compile from the family archives the following brief record of the COULTHARTS OF COULTHART AND COLLYN, chiefs of the name, and also to annex thereto heraldic and genealogical accounts of the ROSSES of Renfrew, the MACKNYGHITES of Macknyghte, the GLENDONYNs of Glendonyne, the CARMICHAELS of Carsperne, the FORBESs of Pitscottie, the MACKENZIES of Craighall, and the

GORDONS of Sorbie ; who have all, through heiresses, become incorporated with the house of Coulthart, as successive generations meandered down the stream of time."

It has been thought sufficient in the southern half of Britain to trace a genealogy up to one of those Norman knights who "came in with the Conqueror," and are named on the Roll of Battle Abbey: but the extraordinary antiquity of the Coultharts mounts for more than thirty generations higher than that, up to "Coulthartus, a Roman lieutenant, who fought under Julius Agrieola, at the foot of the Grampian mountains;" and who, "versed in all the wisdom and learning of the Romans, appears to have lived at Leueaphibia, as a Caledonian chieftain, and to have died there, beloved and lamented, in the 12th year of the reign of King Conarus." The genealogy is carried on by the names of Julius, Ackaline, Doraldus, Moraldus, Thorwaldus, and a great variety of others, but Coulthartus occurs again in it at intervals. Coulthartus II. in the fifth generation from the first, "surpassed most men of his time in the manly exercises of running, riding, shooting arrows, throwing the dart, and wielding the battle-axe;" and his son and successor Diorthaea was "the first of the family that embraced the Christian religion." In the 14th generation we come to Coulthartus III. whose mother was a daughter of Lothus king of the Picts; in the 19th to Coulthartus IV. who was chiefly remarkable for his benefactions to the abbey of Candida Casa, or Whithorn, built in his time; in the 26th to Coulthartus V. who was equally liberal in erecting and repairing churches in Galloway; and in the 32d to Coulthartus VI. who having stood aloof from the usurper Macbeth, joyfully assisted in the restoration of Maleolm Kianmore. Immediately after his death, his two sons Alfred and Theodore went on a pilgrimage to the holy sepulchre of St. Peter at Rome; and the former, on his return, "had a confirmation charter from King Maleolm of the barony of Coulthart, on condition that three horses should always be furnished to the sovereigns of Scotland when required in time of war: *for which reason three colts, courant, have ever since been borne by the family of Coulthart as an armorial ensign.*"

We need scarcely say, after all that has been stated on that point in former numbers of this periodical, that we consider this epoch too early for the origin of armorial bearings: and in the present case the anachronism is the more obvious, since it is placed two generations before the surname of Coulthart itself was established: for Alfred used none, nor his son Godofredus; and we are told that it was his grandson, Sir Radulphus de Coulthart, who first used the territorial designation as a surname. He was also the first Crusader of his family.

Still later by three generations we meet with an addition to the armorial legend. When Sir Roger de Coulthart had highly distinguished himself in a tournament held at Haddington in 1240, King Alexander II. "personally invested him with the knightly girdle, and heraldically added to the three black colts courant on his silver shield a fess sable, which armo-

rial ensigns have ever since, without alteration, been borne by the chiefs of the family." The wife of Sir Roger was Isabella Stewart, a daughter of Walter the Steward of Scotland.

The earliest seal bearing the arms now known to exist is attached to a charter granted by a later Sir Roger de Coulthart, in 1443, to his brother-in-law Robert de Agnew of the lands of Fellmore in Galloway. This seal is said to be "still remarkably perfect." The legend is unusual in form and position, mentioning only the surname and not the personal name of its owner. The supporters form a rebus of the name



—a *colt*, attired as a war-horse, and a *hart*, gorged with a coronet.

The father of this Roger, Sir Gilbert, died in 1391 at Dantzick, in the service of Prussia against the Turks; and for some generations after, the fate of each successive head of the family is remarkable. Sir Roger fell at the siege of Roxburgh castle in 1460; Sir Roger, his son, was killed at Sauchyburn in 1488: Sir Richard, the next laird, was slain at Flodden in 1513; and Cuthbert, his successor, at Solway Moss in 1542. One of the sons of the Sir Roger that died in 1488 was Henry, who settled in Craven in Yorkshire, and was ancestor of the late H. W. Coulthurst, D.D. Vicar of Halifax. In the next century occurs another remarkable cadet, one "Roger, a major in the army of King Charles II. [or I. ?] who, to avoid persecution when Oliver Cromwell was proclaimed Lord Protector, flew beyond seas, and never afterwards returned from exile." If there are any Coultharts in America, they may claim descent from this Major.

We arrive at more peaceful times; and Richard Coulthart, esq. the chief who was born in 1659 and died in 1717, was an eminent agriculturist and author of *The Economy of Agriculture*, long a favourite text-book of the farmers of Scotland. His wife was the heiress of Gordon of Sorbie, whose pedigree we shall have to mention.

He was great-grandfather of the last chief of the house, who was also devoted to the science of agriculture, residing in Cumberland, where his tomb is placed in his parish churchyard of Bolton-le-Gate, and is similar to those of the Coulthart family at Kells and Kirkpatrick-Fleming. It bears the following inscription to his memory, written by the Bishop of Manchester:—

"Gulielmus Coulthart de Coulthart et Collyn Arm. Gentis nominisque sue facile primarius. Nat. die Martis xxi<sup>o</sup> MDCCLXXIV. Denat. die Octob. vii<sup>o</sup> MDCCCXLVII."

Not long after the decease of this gentleman his widow caused the west window of Bolton-le-Gate church to be filled with stained glass by Mr. Willement, of London; a commission executed with such success, that it is



WEST WINDOW OF BOLTON-LE-GATE CHURCH, CUMBERLAND.

considered superior to any of the same size in Cumberland. Its design is shown in the annexed engraving, the upper openings being occupied by angels, and the three principal lights by whole-length figures of the prophets Zacharias, Amos, and Jeremias. Beneath these, in square compartments, are armorial achievements. The first, being Coulthart impaling Ross, is accompanied with this inscription:—"Ad gloriam Dei et in memoriam Helenæ Gulielmi Coulthart ux. ob. xv. Apr. MDCCCLX." The second panel has the quartered arms, crest, supporters, and motto of the chief of the family, with this inscription:—"Gulielmus Coulthart ob. vii. Oct. MDCCCXLVII." In the third panel a shield of arms with this inscription:—"Ad gloriam Dei et in memoriam Margaritæ Gul. Coulthart fil. Jacobi Macguffie ux. ob. xix. Mart. MDCCCLVI."



There is an account of the family of Macguffie of Crossmichael, co. Kirkcudbright, in Burke's *Landed Gentry*. Their ARMS are, Argent, a fess between three boar's heads coupé sable. The lady above mentioned left the numerous progeny of six sons and five daughters.

John Ross Coulthart, esq. the present chief of the name, (from whom, as already mentioned, we receive these genealogies,) is a magistrate for Lancashire, a barrister of Lincoln's Inn, a banker at Ashton-under-Lyne, where he served the office of mayor from Nov. 1855 to Nov. 1857, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, and a Member of the Royal Society of Literature.

The other families whose genealogies are traced in these pages, are—

2. ROSS, *of Renfrew*: one of whose coheirs, the daughter of Sir John the Ross, knighted in 1412, was married to Sir Roger de Coulthart. ARMS. Argent, a chevron checky of three tracks sable and or between three water-bougets of the second. *Crest*. A dexter arm in armour proper, garnished or, holding a water-bouget sable.

3. MACKNYGHT, *of Macknyghte*, in the Regality of Galloway: the heiress of which was married to Sir John the Ross of Renfrew on the 4th July, 1408. ARMS. Sable, an escocheon checky argent and or, between three lion's heads erased of the second. *Crest*. A demi-lion rampant argent.

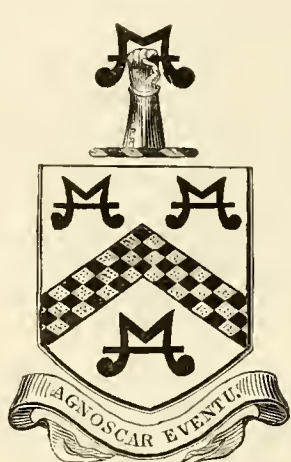
4. GLENDONYN, *of Glendonym*, in the shire of Ayr: whose heiress was married in 1386 to Donald de Macknyghte. ARMS. Quarterly argent and sable, a cross parted per cross engrailed and counterchanged. *Crest*. Two arms dexter and sinister, erect and embowed in armour proper, grasping a cross-crosslet fitchée or.

5. CARMICHAEL, *of Carspherne*, in the stewartry of Kirkcudbright: whose heiress was married in 1447 to Sir Roger de Coulthart. ARMS. Argent, on a bend cotised potentée sable a tilting-spear of the first. *Crest*. A dexter hand and arm in armour, brandishing a tilting-spear proper.

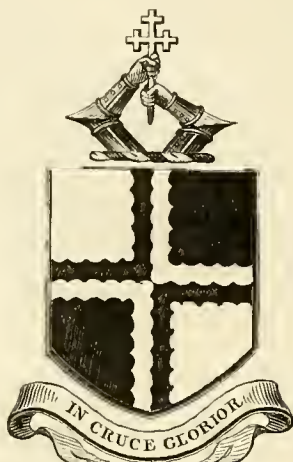
6. FORBES, *of Pitscottie*, co. Ayr: whose heiress was married in 1575 to John Coulthart, of Coulthart and Largmore. ARMS. Ermine, a chevron checky argent and sable between three bear's heads coupé of the last, muzzled gules, within a bordure nebulée of the third. *Crest*. Out of a coronet or, a dexter arm in armour, holding a scimitar proper.

7. MACKENZIE, *of Craighall*, in the district of Kyle: whose heiress was married in 1624 to William Coulthart, of Coulthart. ARMS. Quarterly: 1 and 4. Azure, a stag's head caboshed or; 2 and 3. Argent, three human legs, united in the centre at the upper part of the thigh, and triangularly flexed, armed and spurred proper: an escocheon surtout, Ermine, a stag's head caboshed sable, within a bordure argent. *Crest*. A demi-savage, wreathed about the head and loins with laurel, holding in the dexter hand on his shoulder a club, all proper.

8. GORDON, *of Sorbie*, co. Wigton: whose heiress was married in 1698 to Richard Coulthart, of Coulthart. ARMS. Ermine, on a fess between three boar's heads erased erect sable a spear argent. *Crest*. Out of a mural crown, a boar's head, as in the arms.



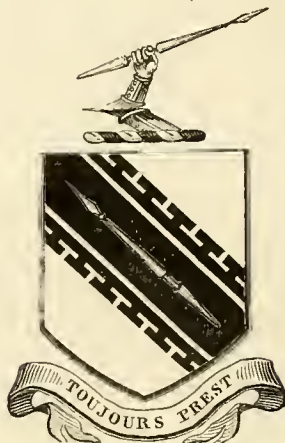
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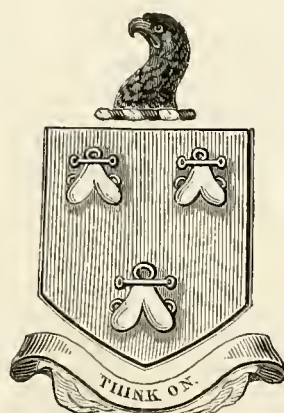
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The second Memoir of which the title is prefixed contains the genealogy of Ross, *of Dalton*, co. Dumfries. This is a younger branch of Ross, *of Halkhead*, co. Renfrew, which became Barons of parliament in 1490, or thereabouts, and continued to sustain that dignity until 1754. They derive their descent from the same Yorkshire house from whence we have still the English barony of Ros or de Roos; and bear the same charges of water-bougets; whilst the crest of a hawk's head is allusive to their seat already named. The junior line whose pedigree is here deduced were long of Rosshill, co. Ayr, where Patrick Ross had royal licence to erect a castle in 1556. Mr. Coulthart's mother was Helen the second daughter of John Ross, esq. of Keir, Closeburn, St. Mungo, and Dalton, all co. Dumfries, by Margaret, daughter of Alexander Glendinning, esq. of the Isle of Dalton, in the same county. ARMS. Gules, three water-bougets argent. Crest. A hawk's head couped proper.

The third fasciculus, which has been only recently printed, contains additional notes and memoranda to both the Coulthart and Ross pedigrees; translations of charters; some biographical memoirs; a copy of the Seize Quartiers of John Ross Coulthart, esq. (as compiled by Mr. Bridger, of Witley, for his collection of *Seize Quartiers*); and the Royal Descent of the same gentleman from William the Conqueror, on one hand by twenty-five descents, through the Hays,—Lady Elizabeth Hay, eldest daughter of George sixth Earl of Erroll, having married Cuthbert de Coulthart, who died in 1542; and on the other, by twenty-seven descents, through the families of Ross and Edmonstone, Sir William Edmonstone of Culloden and Duntreath, who died in 1460, having been the fourth husband of Mary Countess of Angus, one of the daughters of King Robert III. Her grandson Sir Archibald Edmonstone, of Duntreath, was one of those who surrounded his arms with the double tressure in commemoration of his royal descent.

Mr. Coulthart quarters with his own arms those of the seven families commemorated in the first Memoir, thus marshalled: 1. Coulthart; 2. Ross; 3. Macknyghte; 4. Glendonyn; 5. Carmichael; 6. Forbes; 7. Mackenzie; and 8. Gordon,—as shown at the foot of the stained-glass window.











